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County commissioners discuss, act on road concerns

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

After hearing some county residents concerns and another issue from a township official, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners took some action in regards to the Road Commission For Crawford County.

The commissioners passed a motion at their March 18 board meeting to issue a procedure for county residents to voice concerns, complaints and other business involving the road commission. The board also heard of the issue facing Crawford County townships involving dust control of roads.

The county commissioners do not have any direct control over road commission actions, except for appointing the three road commissioners. After hearing of some concerns by residents at the board

meeting, the members decided to take action anyway.

The commissioners passed the motion by a vote of 5-1 to give residents a way to have road concerns and other road business heard. Commissioner Kathy Black voted against the motion.

The motion states three ways to issue concerns for road business. The list reads, "(1) citizens to first make contact with road commission office, if no response; (2) contact road commissioners directly as their telephone numbers are all publicly

listed, if no response; (3) contact township/city officials or county commissioners advising of complaint or concern."

The Road Commission For Crawford County Managing Director James Briney believes there is only

one step needed.

"All that people have to do is call the road commission during business hours," Briney said.

Concerns about roads can be delivered by calling the road commission office or by coming to a road commission meeting. The road commission board — Chairman Ray Swiercz, Vice-chairman Bill Gannon and Member Bob Nelson — meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the road commission building.

The county commissioners also passed a motion requesting from the road commission its latest two years of operational budget, including both revenues and expenses, and the most current audit. Black was the lone vote against the motion.

A township official — Deb Armstrong, Maple Forest Township

treasurer — brought up another issue involving the road commission during the county board meeting.

Armstrong told the commissioners that the township board received word that the township would be charged for brining of roads. The charge being relayed from the road commission is 20 cents a gallon for brining to recover brining costs. In past years, there had been no charge.

Armstrong said Maple Forest Township may want to contract with an outside service, because of the price being charged by the road commission.

Briney said the township can handle dust control by contracting with the road commission or some service from the private sector.

"Townships, individuals, and businesses may contract with the

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GRA moves forward with fish hatchery

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The issue of which Crawford County agency will run the Grayling Fish Hatchery this year has not been officially determined by all sides involved, but one group has begun to move forward with initial operations.

Members of the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) have run the Grayling Fish Hatchery for the past three years.

With the opening of the facility approximately 10 weeks away, GRA Board President Neal Michal attended the March 18 Crawford County board meeting to present the 1996 fish hatchery report and to find out whether GRA will be running the fish hatchery this year.

Although the county board of commissioners tabled a motion to enter into a contract with GRA for running the fish hatchery, GRA decided to move forward with the preliminary activities to run the hatchery.

The GRA board members passed a motion at their Thursday, March 20, meeting to authorize the director to spend funds for publicity and getting prepared to operate the fish hatchery.

The consideration to take over the fish hatchery by the county was made after the board formed a new Crawford County Parks Commission. The county had run the fish hatchery prior to allowing GRA to operate it.

Commissioner Lynette Corlew said at the March 18 board meeting, "We just got the park commission's mission statement and haven't even seated a board, so I don't think the commission is ready to handle this."

She then made a motion to enter into a contract with GRA to operate the fish hatchery. This motion was later tabled, after some of the commissioners wanted more information about GRA's operation of the fish hatchery.

Corlew and Dennis Long met with GRA officials on March 19 to discuss details. Long said the meeting was very productive with some concerns raised by both sides.

Commissioner Bob Smock raised some concerns surrounding recent operation by GRA. He said his greatest concern was the drop off of the number of tourists to the fish hatchery.

There used to be between 35,000 and 42,000 tourists a year that would visit the fish hatchery when the county ran it, Smock said. The attendance has dropped off since that time.

"We should be marketing the river to fly-in fishermen from all over the world as a tourism draw," Smock said. "The fish hatchery is a very, very key piece to the future of having fish in the AuSable River."

It would be good for everything — real estate, campgrounds, everyone, Smock said of marketing the AuSable River.

"Why we haven't gotten together on this is beyond me?" Smock said.

Yummy



SWEET SYRUP — The Bowditch family was among one of the three groups which learned the process of making maple syrup or sugar. The little boy, Tim Bowditch, tastes some pure maple syrup. His sister and the rest of his family also tried the "park-made" syrup. The Bowditchs are from Gaylord.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

Residents learn the process of making maple syrup

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The question of how is maple syrup made was answered by the staff at Hartwick Pines State Park in Grayling this past weekend.

The park interpreters led different groups of people through the process of making maple syrup and sugar in the morning and early afternoon on Saturday, March 22.

A Sugar Maple tree was tapped, the sap was gathered in a bucket, and the ingredients were boiled over an open fire to make the sweet

substance that people use on pancakes and other items.

Park Interpreter Ann Stephens and park employee Wil Shapton, along with park volunteer Martha Shapton, showed each group the maple syrup and sugar making process, and also answered questions about the process.

The residents who attended the event also got to have a taste of pure maple syrup. The process actually takes a period of hours to complete, but Stephens had some pure maple syrup from an earlier batch.

To get large amounts of syrup or sugar for consumption, the maple sugar "farmers" of the world spend many days completing their craft. Stephens pointed out to the residents that it takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup.

The process of making maple syrup or sugar, depending on the individuals preference, begins by tapping a Sugar Maple tree and hanging a pail to collect the sap/water mix that comes from the tree.

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Will campground open at former Pine Knoll site?

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The possibility of opening up a campground at the former Pine Knoll Campground location was discussed at the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) Board meeting on Thursday, March 20.

No action was taken by the members of the GRA board, as GRA Chairman Neal Michal said the idea would be discussed further with possible action at a later date. He pointed out that due to some board members being absent from Thursday's meeting, action should wait until a future meeting on this topic.

The campground topic was brought up during the "Citizens who wish to speak" portion of the GRA agenda.

Shirley Schmoock, Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) recording secretary, said she was asked by the LMPOA board to relay the results of the vote held earlier on Thursday. She told the GRA board that LMPOA board members voted against the campground being opened.

Michal said for the record that two persons had contacted him about the situation and supported the campground initiative.

Although the campground idea was not on the agenda, Michal explained the type of the campground that GRA is considering for the Pine Knoll location.

There would be 50 primitive sites, Michal said. The campground is being proposed to be just for tenters, with RVs and fifth wheels not being allowed. There would be an employee for the campground.

Robert Paulsen, a LMPOA member, said he wondered why GRA would want to open the campground, especially since campgrounds are expensive to run. Paulsen also mentioned the other public and private campgrounds in the Grayling area.

Paulsen said the campgrounds that already exist aren't overcrowded or full.

In other GRA business, the board members approved a resolution to extend the special-use permit for the ski trails until 2008. The current permit is set to expire in December 1997.

Col. Gary McConnell, Camp

Grayling commander, addressed the board on the issue, after GRA Director Cindy Olson and McConnell came across it by looking through the paperwork.

McConnell suggested that the GRA board look to have the permit extended to 2008 to run the same length of time as the Hanson land lease runs.

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Party busted up

After getting complaints of a loud, "wild" party in Grayling Township, Crawford County sheriff's officers investigated the scene, and cited 29 residents in the process.

Large quantities of alcohol were confiscated from the residence off of Rasmus Drive on Friday (March 21) night. It is suspected by authorities that marijuana also was present at the party, Sheriff David Lovely said.

Four adults were charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors. According to Lovely, warrants also have been sought for suspects in the sale of marijuana. This may involve one or two persons.

Although 29 persons were cited in the bust, Lovely said it has been estimated by officers that there was probably about 50 people at the party. A bunch of individuals ran out the back before officers had control of the scene.

Twenty-five minors were cited as being a minor in possession of alcohol. Lovely said some of these minors will be sent warning letters rather than any other legal action.

New prefix added for Grayling

A new telephone prefix was recently added for the Grayling area.

Because people are adding new telephone lines on a daily basis "348" telephone numbers have run out. New telephone lines will be issued a "344" telephone number.

COA hires new director

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

The Commission on Aging Board recently voted in a new director.

Nova Anderson, the former assistant director, was voted in to the position on March 19.

"Nine years ago I saw an advertisement for a personal care homemaker at the Commission on Aging. I went in and I got the job," Anderson said.

Since Anderson started at the Commission on Aging she has worked as a housekeeper, personal care provider, assistant cook, interim bookkeeper, assistant director and has been the interim director since Dec. 1, 1996.

The Commission on Aging staff created a smooth transition from the old director to the new director.

According to Anderson, without the

help of the staff, the volunteers and the senior citizens, the transition would not have been smooth.

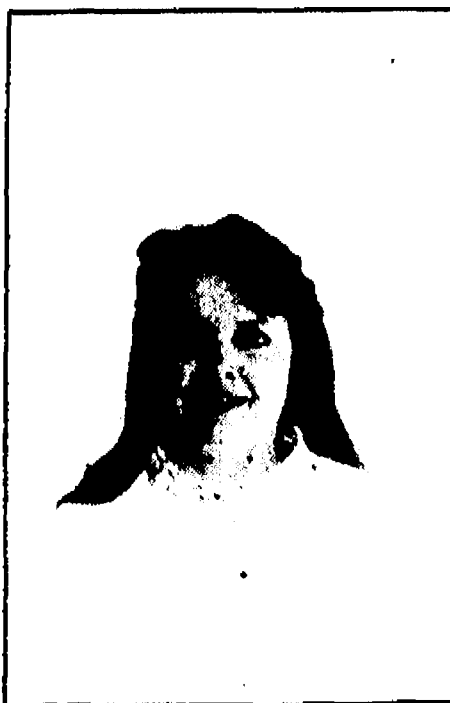
"My one goal as director is to get people outside the senior center to dine with us and join in the activities," Anderson said.

"The center is for all of Crawford County's senior citizens," Anderson continued.

Anderson's duties as the new director will include working on the budget, writing grants, supervising the staff, attending meetings and completing all necessary reports.

Anderson, who is originally from West Branch, has lived in Grayling for 10 years.

Anderson is married to Rick and the couple has two children, Brandy, 24, and Timothy, 18, both of Grayling.



Nova Anderson

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Paddlesport fans to gather in Grayling

Enthusiasts of the "paddlesports" will gather at the Silent Sports Rendezvous '97 in Grayling on Saturday, April 5. Major manufacturers of canoes and kayaks, along with accessories and equipment, will exhibit the latest products at the Grayling High School Auditorium.

The event includes an evening WaterWalker Film Festival, showing the best of paddle adventure and nature films from a Canadian-based competition. The best films will be shown in 65 centers across North America, only five in the United States, and the presentation in Grayling is the only one in the Midwest.

The Rendezvous this year is dedicated to the memory of Bill Mason, Canadian canoe adventurer and environmentalist, whose life is a legend in wilderness canoeing. James Raffan, professor at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, has written Mason's biography, and the paperback premier of "Fire In The Bones" will take place at Rendezvous. Raffan will talk about writing that book, and also host the film festival in the evening.

Other speakers at the event are:
• David Ide, making two presentations, "Open Water Kayaking" about the challenge of sea kayaking and the

skills, navigation, physical and mental problems to be conquered; and "Journey to Labrador," about a journey to the far north and the 120-mile paddle back.

• Brian Henry, founder and president of Current Designs, who will talk on "Kayak Design, Traditional to Modern," and the design concepts that have remained the same and those that have changed with new materials and ideas. A second presentation, "Greenland Adventure," will show his trip up the fjords north of Nuuk and a report on the Greenland Kayak Championships.

• Anne J. Westlund will present "Risk Management — Going solo," talking about safety and the reasons men or women might want to take on an adventure alone.

• Mad River Canoe's team of Keith Barsch and Noel Navarete will talk on "Boat Repair and Maintenance" with the new materials on the market.

Special exhibitors at the event will be Jack Teegarden, wood carver, whose works keep to traditional designs and colors; the Grand Traverse Metis, in 18th Century French Canadian garb and equipment; and the Canoe Shop's Gil Cramer and Al Hemmingson showing how they

restore fine wood and canvas canoes.

Equipment to be exhibited will include Moss Tents, Granite Gear packs, Salomon Boots with a new winter boot line, Kokotat paddle clothing, Yakima Roof Racks with their new "hully-roller" system; Design Salt sleeping bag liners and travel sheets, Lotus and Stohlquist personal flotation devices and Pur water treatment systems.

Canoes and kayaks expected are from Bell, Current Designs, Dagger, Mad River, Necky, Old Town, We-No-Nah and Wilderness Systems. The boats shown will feature a wide variety of materials, including the latest "Carbonlite 2000" and other light weight composites and moldings.

Cartwright & Danewell, with an outdoor equipment store and a clothing store in Grayling, is putting on the event. Rendezvous hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the show and 6 to 9 p.m. for the evening film festival. Admission price is \$5 per person for the show only or film festival only, or \$8 for both. A portion of the proceeds from the WaterWalker Film Festival will go to the Home for Canoeing museum in Ontario and to the Nature Conservancy.

Middle school students study the Iditarod

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

To help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, sixth grade students at Grayling Middle School integrated the race into their studies.

"Quite a few schools follow the race to bring an everyday situation into their learning," said Dan Ullery, one

of the teachers involved in the program. "This is the third year that we have followed it."

Part of this year's curriculum was the "Iditarod". Students were required to read 1,049 pages in two weeks because that was the distance of the Iditarod.

Students were required to fill out a reading log and write a description of the book for the "Iditarod".

Another portion of the curriculum involved each student picking two mushers (person steering the dog sled) and following their progress.

Another assignment used involved percentages. Each race finisher earned a percentage of the winnings based on their finish, the students were required to determine the percentage that each finisher received.

The information used each day in the classroom about the race was obtained from numerous sources over the Internet. "Each morning I made up a packet that included the standings and news stories from Alaskan newspapers," Ullery said. "I'd give the packet to each homeroom teacher so they could relay the information to

their students."

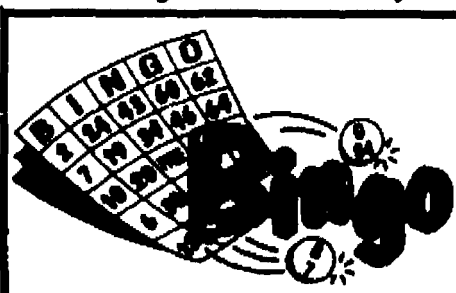
However, next year students will have a month of curriculum based around the Iditarod.

Two weeks before the race students and teachers will prepare for the curriculum and then they will implement it.

For example, "social studies classes could study Alaska's countryside and people. Science classes could study the weather so students know what the mushers and dogs are going through. In language arts classes, students could read and write news articles based on the Iditarod," Ullery said. "Students can also talk to other students over the Internet who are also studying the Iditarod. In math, students could chart and graph the progress of the mushers. They could figure out how much food is needed and how many miles per hour the mushers are traveling."

According to Ullery, the race first began when the smallpox serum was brought to Nome, Alaska.

The curriculum program at Grayling Middle school was started by Karen McDonald.



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STUDYING THE IDITAROD—Grayling Middle School teacher Dan Ullery (right) and sixth grader Lance Kingslien work on the Internet during their study of the Iditarod. photo by Craig Hofman

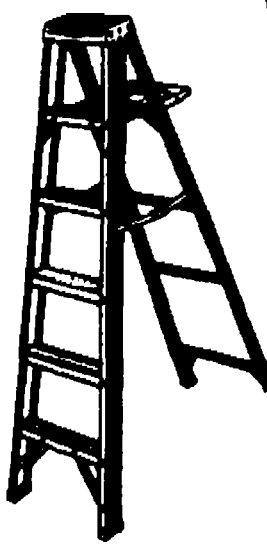
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Grayling grads become Marines

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

Private Corey J. Rock, Grayling, and Private First Class (meritoriously) Travis S. Weaver, Frederic, recently graduated from the new Marine Corps Revised Boot Camp in San Diego.

Rock and Weaver are 1994 and 1996 graduates of Grayling High School, respectively.

The 12-week boot camp ended with a rigorous obstacle course. A 32 obstacle, 40-mile circumference obstacle course had to be completed by squads. The squads completed the course in 54 hours, allowing only four hours of sleep each night.

According to Marine recruiter Todd J. Smalenburg, the course emphasized teamwork because each squad member had to help other squad members complete each task along the course. Upon completion of the course, re-

cruits earned the title Marine.

Rock joined the Marines because "it is the best branch of service with discipline, honor and pride." Rock, currently working as a recruiting assistant, will leave for Camp Pendleton, Calif. on April 14 to become a combat engineer.

Currently signed up for four years, Rock is undecided if he wants the Marine Corps to be a lifetime career.

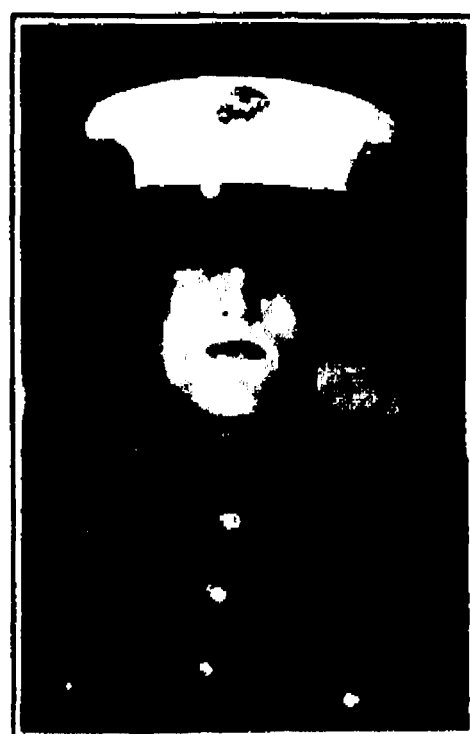
Weaver entered the Marines because "I wanted to be the best. The Marines have the most honor and the most pride," was scheduled to leave March 24 for Camp Pendleton, Calif. where he will enter the School of Infantry.

Weaver, hoping to be a career Marine, plans to be part of the Reconnaissance Indoctrination (Special Forces).

Rock is the son of Charles and Marcia Rock of Grayling. Weaver is the son of Steve and Elizabeth Weaver of Frederic.



PFC Travis S. Weaver



Pvt. Corey J. Rock

George and Marie Hammond receive conservation award

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District recently awarded George and Marie Hammond the 1996 Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Award.

The Hammond's were presented the award for their actively-managed 167 acres in Maple Forest Township.

Thousands of trees and shrubs have been planted for reforestation and to protect wildlife.

"Every year we plant a little bit more," Marie said.

According to George, crabapple, sumac and many other tree varieties have been planted in recent years.

Along with planting trees, "we've also set up brush piles and bird houses to protect the wildlife," George continued.

The land was originally purchased 46 years ago from the Hanson Salling Company.

"We bought it for hunting, but we never did hunt on it," George said.

Because the Hammonds could not plant 2,500 trees by themselves, "Mike Brown, from the agriculture department got the planters, ordered the trees and made sure each tree was planted," George said.

"All we did was pay for it," Marie said.

"When we first bought the property we worked hard over there. We planted Red Pines because we always wanted to get our own Christmas tree off the land, but they got to be too big," Marie said.

According to Marie, those trees are now 30 to 40 feet high.

A unique tree was recently located on their property. During a property evaluation, a 28-inch diameter beech tree was found bearing the initials of a Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) crew working in the area.

Although it is not known who carved the initials, it is known that it was carved in 1933. A photograph of the tree now hangs in the CCC museum at the North Higgins Lake State Park.

The Hammonds are active members in the American Tree Farm Program, Forest Stewardship and Stewardship Incentive Programs and have their property enrolled in the Commercial Forest Act.

The couple plans to continue reforesting the property. "Mike Brown tells us what we need to do and we just keep it up," Marie said.

"We've been offered money to sell the property, but we're not interested,"



George and Marie Hammond

Marie said.

The Hammonds have four children of Southgate and Patricia Knight of Sandra Hasson and Dawn Burrick of Boulder, Colo.

Grayling, George Edward Hammond

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Agency on Aging to hold public hearings

The Region IX Area Agency on Aging will conduct two public hearings on its proposed multi-year action plan for fiscal years 1998-2000. The plan will address distribution of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Crawford, Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The hearings will be held Thursday, April 24 from 10-noon at the Congregational Church, 218 W. Second, Gaylord and the NEMSCA Large Conference Room, 2373 Gordon Rd., Alpena.

Rummage sale to be held in April

The United Methodist Women of the Michelson Memorial Church will be holding a rummage sale on April 11 and 12 at the church located at 400 Michigan Avenue.

State retirees chapter to meet

The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter No. 19 of the State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, April 1, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m.

Quilts to benefit breast cancer research

The Icehouse Quilt Shop recently announced that a quilt show and contest will be held to benefit breast cancer research.

Because October has been designated as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" the Icehouse will hold the show and contest from Oct. 10 through 18.

To get started send for a Quilt for a Cure fabric kit. A check for \$22.50 plus \$3 shipping and handling should be sent to The Icehouse Quilt Shop, 509 Norway St., Grayling, MI 49738.

The kit, containing two-and-one-half yards from seven different fabric pieces, should arrive within three weeks.

From the fabric kit at least three of the fabrics must be used, as well as any fabrics from private stock, in the quilt.

The quilt must be a wall-hanging with less than 250 inches total outside measurement.

All entries must be patchwork, applique, and be quilted (not tied) by hand or machine.

Prizes will be awarded for both Judge's Choice and Viewer's Choice.

For the Viewer's Choice award each quilt will be numbered and viewer's will have the opportunity to vote, by number, for their favorite quilt.

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Richard Milliman

Making laws not always easy job

THE FEDERAL balanced budget amendment is dead once more — at least for now.

It will be back. Congress has considered the proposal several times, and each time it has fallen short. It happened again in 1997.

A balanced budget for federal government is a good idea, but a constitutional amendment is the wrong way to do it.

That view can be argued long and hard, but it's not the focus of this essay.

Instead, consider the plight of Sen. Robert Torricelli, Democrat freshman from New Jersey, who was a key player in this year's drama.

The amendment needs two-thirds vote to carry the Senate, and twice before in recent history it fell just short. In 1997, it looked like a go.

Backers had lined up 65 confirmed "yes" votes, including several Democrats for this basic tenet of the conservative Republican platform.

They thought they had the crucial and deciding 66th vote in Mr. Torricelli, who had voted for the idea three times during his 14 years in the House, and who had included support for the amendment in his grueling campaign loss last year.

But it didn't turn out that way. Mr. Torricelli joined 33 other Democrats in voting "no."

It was a tough choice, he said later. "I have struggled with this decision more than any that I have ever made in my life," he said.

According to the Washington Post, he said that at the end of the day he concluded:

"I was chosen to serve in the United States Senate to exercise my best judgement. The balanced budget amendment has good aspects, but it is simply not good enough in dealing with fundamental constitutional change for our country."

Republicans, of course, were furious.

"It's a pretty tough blow," said

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, who had been in charge of the legislation.

Mr. Torricelli had "thumbed his nose at the people of New Jersey once and for all," claimed Sen. Trent Lott, Republican leader.

Mr. Lott overstates the case a bit, but then, that's part of his job.

In a nutshell, Mr. Torricelli had to decide one of the basic questions of the legislative process:

Should an elected lawmaker do what he/she believes is right, even if it conflicts with the majority sentiment of his/her constituents?

Or should the will of the people be supreme, even if the legislator who represents these people ardently believes it would be the wrong thing to do?

Hopefully, what the people want and what the lawmaker wants are the same thing. Voters tend to elect those who share their views.

But it doesn't always happen. In case of conflict, which view should

win out?

Another version of this same dilemma is geographics.

What should happen when a proposal may be good for a particular state or region, but bad for the country? How should the lawmaker vote then?

It's not always easy being an elected official. It's not always simple voting on controversial issues.

In this case, Torricelli did what he thought was right, and he was correct in doing so. If that's the same guide which prompted all the other 99 senators in how they voted, they were right, too.

Now Mr. Torricelli has another tough job: How does he explain to New Jersey voters why he did what he did?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

POINT OF VIEW

by Terry R. Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor

It's not 'business as usual' in Grayling Township

Michigan law dictates that township supervisors must perform certain duties, such as serving as the secretary of the board of review, but other than a few legal mandates the traditional role of the supervisor has been to create his or her own agenda under the policy decisions of the board of trustees.

My agenda is simple and maybe very familiar. I've said it time and time again recently. The purpose of government, and therefore the purpose of the township supervisor, is to bring necessary services to the people which they can't provide for themselves. To this I am dedicated and the proposals I've brought before the board have been met with overall enthusiasm.

Last week, nine key persons within the township's committee structure, including the five members of the board of trustees, spent an entire day developing a long-range plan of items we would like to see become reality for the township. Each person brought his or her own ideas to the table for the group to sort, prioritize and assign as something we want to do.

I was especially pleased that my favorite projects all received high priorities, including a number-one priority for a comprehensive recycling and composting program. This is something we really need and now it should be a reality unless it turns out to be cost prohibitive. That decision will be made later, but for now I will be kept busy developing a program. The concept is scheduled to be completed by July, with construction if approved by the board of trustees, to be completed by late fall or early spring.

I believe residents willing to recycle will immediately reduce the township's waste amount going into the landfill by as much as 60 percent, and perhaps 90 percent after two or three years. I also believe if we don't take the bull by the horns with recycling, sometime in the next few

years the state will mandate it. We will be further ahead if that day comes.

Other programs that will be investigated over the next couple of years include a township park, expansion of our meeting room which currently seats only 20-to-25 people and is usually overflowing at board meetings and elections, documentation of policies and procedures within the township hall, cemetery improvement, the acquisition of public lands for industrial expansion and recreation, a network of hiking and biking trails, and a periodic newsletter.

Another township program on the minds of many residents is the Master Plan, a cooperative guideline by the township and the City of Grayling for future development. The township planning committee, the board of trustees and the Grayling City Council will be meeting on April 15 to merge additions, deletions and corrections. After that the document will be shipped back to Lansing for a rewrite. The next step will be to host a town meeting to present the plan to the community, then there will be a public hearing. Changes to the plan can be made from both meetings before it is adopted.

The Master Plan will be a living document, which means it will be reviewed and amended on a regular basis. It will be a general guideline of the hows, whens and wheres the township and city will use in promoting and controlling the growth we will experience in the coming years. It should be a very valuable tool.

I am very excited about another program the township has undertaken which will maintain our quality of life and which will very soon become a reality. The township is currently advertising for an ordinance enforcement officer to enforce zoning ordinances, the junk and garbage ordinance, the sign ordinance, and the anti-noise and public nuisance ordinance.

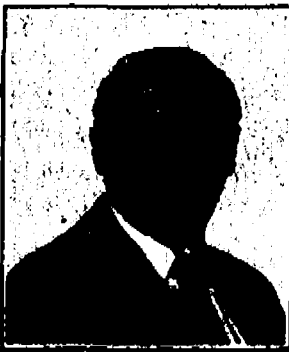
In a recent chamber of commerce survey, 68 percent of respondents indicated they would like to see our neighborhoods cleaned up. The authorities in Grayling Township were listening, thus the creation of the ordinance enforcement position and the creation of an Ordinance Enforcement Bureau within the township hall.

The ordinance enforcement officer will have the authority, by state law, to issue violation notices to persons unwilling to comply with the township's junk, rubbish and garbage ordinance (Ordinance 92-3), which states, "accumulation of junk, rubbish and/or garbage constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Grayling township."

The violator will be required to pay a fine to the township as a municipal civil infraction, which means the violation will not be a criminal infraction and no criminal record will be maintained. If, however, the fine is not paid, the ordinance enforcement officer will issue a second citation that will immediately take the violation before a judge in district court. The new law authorizing the establishment of municipal civil infraction has worked well in other places in getting people to clean up their yards. There is no reason to think it won't be effective in Grayling Township.

The township is also in the process of rewriting procedures in the building department to provide better service to building contractors and homeowners. A vital part of increasing that service will be increasing the amount of time the township's building inspector is available. By mid-April, the township hopes to be in a position to be able to provide building, electrical, safety, and thermal rating inspections within 24-hours of the time they are requested. And, we are implementing procedures to better track building projects to ensure that all necessary permits are issued and all necessary inspections are made.

You can see that it's not just "business as usual" from the largest township in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. We are working very hard to bring you the necessary services that you want, but are unable to provide for yourselves. Everything we are



Terry Wright

doing is needed and wanted.

Before signing off, I would like to take an opportunity to put in a good word for the people who keep the township running. In four months as your elected supervisor, I have been amazed at the professionalism and concern of the board of trustees, standing committee members and employees of the township. Their dedication makes me proud to work with them. I am more certain every day that I have chosen the most honorable and right profession.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerns raised in regard to Forest Dunes golf community

To the editor,

I wish to bring to the attention of a wider audience a concern I, and a great many residents of South Branch Township in Crawford County, have regarding a proposed golf community near the AuSable River. So far little information has been printed outside of the local papers and the project has only been mentioned twice in passing on a local news station. What has been printed tends to downplay the grave concerns many residents have, if it mentions them at all.

According to the developers' prospectus, the Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club will be a 1,200-acre private, gate-guarded country club community, including two 18-hole championship golf courses and various other amenities, set within a mile and half of the South Branch of the AuSable River. The concern I and many others have is that while the project sounds good, it's based on a dream only. Many elements of their proposed plan may very well prove unworkable. Yet according to the stories printed so far in the local papers, the project developers, Forest Dunes L.L.C. out of Scottsdale, Arizona, plan to have the first phase of the project open by the summer of 1998. In order to do that they will have to break ground as soon as the snow melts. Even that may be pushing the timetable. Will this allow sufficient time to complete all the studies that must be done to insure that this project has minimal impact on the surrounding area?

The world-renowned South Branch of the AuSable lies not more than a mile and a half away from the proposed site of this 900- to 1,200-home community. The developers, through their lawyer, Susan Topp, assured township residents at a local meeting that they would do nothing to harm the environment or adversely affect the current residents. However, many inconsistencies and disturbing "may-bes" exist in the current proposal.

From items as trivial as listing elk and moose as wildlife native to the area, and offering waterskiing on nonmotorized lakes (they must be counting on the tornados that sometimes blow through the area to

power those sailboats) to much graver ones such as their fire-suppression plan. According to the plan as it currently stands, the developers plan to create up to 14 man-made lakes where none now exist. From these lakes, they will draw the water necessary to combat potential wildfires, and in an area that is mostly a jack-pine wilderness this is not a remote possibility. The necessary studies to determine whether the water table will support the formation of these lakes, however, has not yet been done.

Another proposed feature of the community involves acquiring the Audubon Signature on the two golf courses. To qualify, the developers must follow very stringent and restrictive guidelines in planning and building the golf courses to insure a minimal impact of the ecology of the area. However, these restrictions are not mandatory. They don't have to have the Audubon Signature.

If they do follow the Audubon guidelines, the course will use natural grasses and plants on the fairways. Will these include blowgrass, blueberry brambles and milkweed? The plan includes using a bare minimum of fertilizer on the greens. This may not work out due to the soil composition, which is mostly sand unless they want brown greens. The fertilizer that is spread is supposed to drain into catch basins. Again, soil composition may not allow this, and runoff into the groundwater poses a serious risk to Thayer Creek, half a mile away, which drains into the AuSable River.

Current residents have many other concerns regarding infrastructure, waste and sewage disposal; increased need for public services such as fire, police and ambulance; the effects such a development will have on the aquifer from which they draw their water; as well as the possible harm to the environment and ecology of one of the few remaining relatively untouched wilderness areas in the state of Michigan.

It is not that we wish to kill the Forest Dunes dream, but neither do we want to see them build a nightmare.

Leane Tingstad
Roscommon

Historically Speaking

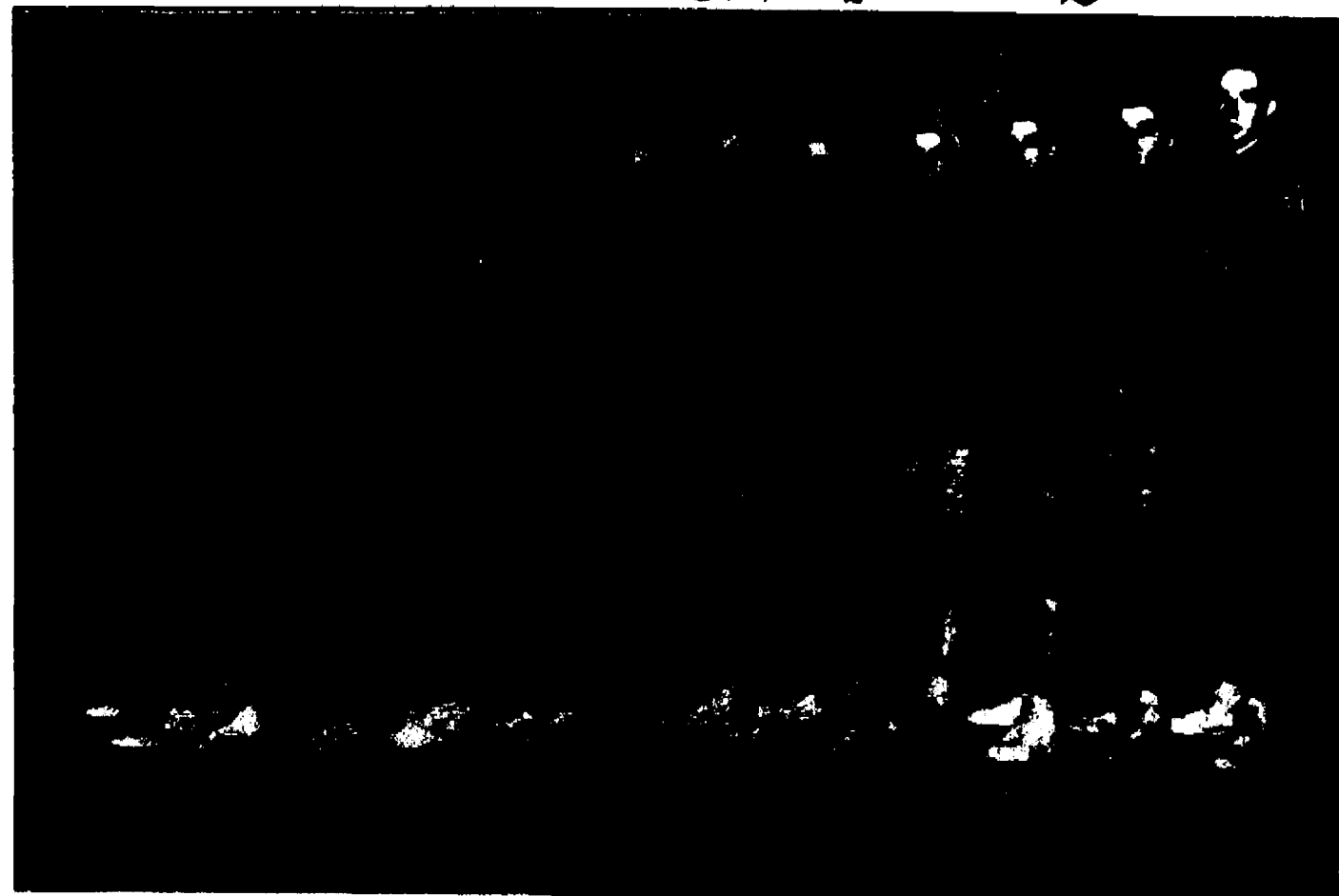


Photo Submitted by J.C. King

1951 - 1952 JV Vikings -- These junior varsity Grayling basketball players competed in the 1951 - 1952 season. The Grayling JV team consisted of, from left: J.C. King, Roy LaMotte, Jerry Korhonen, Charles (Chuck) Keyway, Jim Dannenberry, Richard (Dick) Klien, Jerry Boone, John (Beans) Schofield, Richard (Red) Hamilton, Larry Pond, Roger Kessler, Don Stephan. The other players on the team not shown were Monte Malonen and Dale Pettengill. This team was coached by Bruce Smith.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

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be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loose wolf hybrid causes big problems for neighbors

To the editor,

This is an open letter to the breeder and the owners of the wolf-dog hybrids dumped in my neighborhood, and state legislators.

What happened? Were the animals getting hard to control? Maybe they were becoming destructive — maybe your family was being threatened. Whatever the reason was, you do not have the right to dump your problem on unsuspecting rural residents.

Your animal has been on a collar and chain most of his existence. He did not know how to hunt. He could run the deer, but a single lame animal has little chance of bringing the deer down. Suet balls from a bird feeder and ripped bags of garbage do not provide adequate nutrition for an animal the size of yours. He was skin and bones and was driven by fear and hunger. No self respecting wolf or coyote would be setting on my neighbor's porch, peering through kitchen windows, or sitting on a snowdrift off our deck at two in the afternoon. Your animal was a pathetic sight, starving, lost, probably looking for you, but becoming a real nuisance and hazard for the people in the neighborhood you chose to dump him in.

Animal control took one look at your animal, "Sorry, we can't help — that is a wild animal." Message from DNR, "It's probably a hybrid, and that puts it in the dog category so we can't help." No live trap big enough, no tranquilizer gun available, and no one with jurisdiction to help. This is not a comfortable feeling.

Breeder, you are advertising and selling hybrid pups at \$500 to \$600 each. How about setting aside a portion of your profits, and establishing a refund and take-back service for the owner who can not handle the hybrid when it becomes an adult? Could you euthanize the animal before he is turned loose on the unsuspecting public?

Owner, how much did you know about wolf hybrids? When you bought this animal, he became your responsibility, not mine. We don't know why you got rid of this guy and this gives you no clue of what we are facing or how we can solve the problem. Next time, take your animal to your vet and have the animal humanely put away. Take responsibility for your animal — stop passing the buck.

Finally, it is time for our state representatives and our state senators to take a good hard look at the wolf hybrid situation in northern Lower Michigan. I recognized that the behavior of these hybrids was too bizarre to be true wolves. I also saw the potential of serious physical harm to my neighbors from these animals as they got thinner and thinner. We need legislation that makes the hybrid animal traceable to the breeder and to the owner. We also need a mandate for the DNR and/or animal control to assume control and take action when a suspected hybrid is dumped and public safety is at stake. Nine states currently prohibit hybrid ownership, ownership is restricted in sixteen states and ownership requires special permits in three other states. Michigan is not one of those states.

Norma Olson
Frederic

County board reaches an all-time low

To the editor,

For the past three years I have attended nearly every meeting of the County Board of Commissioners. At one of those meetings, Chairman Bruce Bretzke stated the board gets no respect. That is understandable when members of the board do as they did to a Mr. Phil Parmalee and to Joyce and Charlie Easterly. Mr. Parmalee, at the invitation of the planning commission, presented himself to the board to give a presentation on a proposed race track. Chairman Bretzke informed Mr. Parmalee that the board did not invite him to Crawford County, but seeing as he was here he may as well give his presentation. Chairman Bretzke also informed the people present that he had conducted a poll and his people did not want a race track in Crawford County. Dennis Long at this same meeting, stated that 50-60 people called him in opposition to the race track. Neither Long nor Bretzke produced any names to back up their allegations.

I would have thought that that would be as low as a member of a county board could sink. I was totally wrong. What Long and Bretzke did at the March 4 meeting and what the paper quoted Bretzke as saying was even lower than the Parmalee fiasco. To blame the problems the board created on Joyce and Charlie, employees of the month, was their all-time low.

Problem number one was created when the board took Joyce off the night shift and put her on the day shift. Judges cannot have loud noises in the building when court is in session and, with all the employees present, the most she can do is empty waste baskets, wash windows or take mail to the post office.

Problem number two was created when the board ordered Charlie to continuously tear down walls, rebuild walls, move walls and move offices. Remodeling of the courthouse has been a continuous project for months and takes up Charlie's time.

Problem number three was created when the board ordered work done without the building authority's permission. This three-member authority is incorporated prior to issuing bonds to pay for the cost of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating, and maintaining a courthouse and jail. These three members own, and are responsible for, the operation and maintenance of the courthouse and jail, not the county clerk or the board.

But let's keep the blame where it belongs. Bretzke stated, "The job hasn't been getting done for what the people of Crawford County should expect..." If the county board would stick to their job, as the people expect, and let others do theirs, maybe Joyce and Charlie would have time to do what the people expect of them.

Norman Bancroft
Grayling

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MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Jeremiah McRath and Bobbi Burch of Prudenville, announce the arrival of Jeremiah, Jr., born March 7, 1997.

Jerry and Geanine Whaley of Grayling, announce the arrival of Cameron Dale Whaley, born March 9, 1997.

Anthony Whiting and Donna Schalm of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Toni Renee Whiting, born March 11, 1997.

Mark and Colleen DeBusschere of Grayling, announce the arrival of Connor Ryan DeBusschere, born March 12, 1997.

Nathan and Lisa Meyer of Gaylord, announce the arrival of Samantha Jo Meyer, born March 12, 1997.

Michael and Dawn Walsh of Lake City, announce the arrival of Chantz Michael Owen Walsh, born March 13, 1997.

Michael and Dawn Ignat of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Michael Anthony Ignat, born March 13, 1997.

Jack and Michelle Money of Grayling, announce the arrival of Rachel Renee Money, born March 14, 1997.



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 103 incidents from March 17 through March 24:

Ambulance (1), Assault (1), Burglary (3), Larceny (4), Fraud (2), Property Damage (1), Controlled Substance (1), Fam/Child (1), Liquor Laws (1), Obstruction of Justice (1), Public Peace (2);

OUI/OUID (3), Citations (2), Health and Safety (28), Conservation (1), Miscellaneous Criminal (3), Minors (1), Runaway (1), Accidents (8), Non-traffic Accident (3), Snowmobile (3), False Alarm (3), Fire (2), Insp/Veh (1), Civil/FT (2), Suspicious Situation (6), Missing Person (1), General Assist (1) and General Non-Criminal (16).

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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Peter and Angela Huss are the happy parents of a daughter, Caroline Nicole, who was born on March 12, 1997, at Willamette Falls Hospital, Oregon City, Oregon. She weighed 8 pounds 12.5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are John and Sharon Huss of Grayling and Grant and Jackie Fleming of Oregon City, Oregon. Grandma Sharon, who spent a week visiting and waiting for her arrival says she is a big-eyed, dark-haired beauty.

Rita and George McEvers and Phyllis and Jim Bond have returned from an extended vacation to southern states. They went to Lillian, Ala., where they visited Lila and Bill Sellers and then on to North Fort Myers for two weeks with Carolyn and Roger Hall. While they were there, Larry and Helen Pond of Livonia joined the group for a visit. They visited St. Augustine for a Couple of days and visited Leo and Edith Lovely in Hudson, Fla. George and Carolyn spent some time visiting Eddie Owens who is in a nursing home. Enroute home, the McEvers and Bonds stopped at Shipshewana, Ind. before returning to Grayling.

Some Camp Grayling National Guard officers and their wives attended the annual Military Ball held in Lansing weekend before last. Those attending were Tim and Gail Swope, Wayne and Marcia Koppa, Gary and Lynn McConnell, Wayne and Nancy Wells, Keith and Joy Bobenmoyer, Chris and Linda Golnick and Mike McNamara and guest. Some of the group who arrived on Friday night were inconvenienced by the lack of power in the Lansing area, which remained off until Saturday morning.

Mrs. Arvilla Sattler of Ypsilanti spent weekend before last with her niece and husband, Gail and Tim Swope. She came to attend the funeral of a long-time friend of the family, Bernie Engel.

Terry Dickinson, now of Arkansas, was a recent visitor in Grayling.

Toby Shambarger, Mary Nama, Al and Val Johnston, and Bob and Fay Bovee attended the Spring Divisional of the Kiwanis Club which was held at the Sail Inn in Benzonia on Friday evening.

Bob Hess of the DNR was the speaker at the regular luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling on Monday, March 17, at the Iron Gate. He showed slides of the Kirtland Warbler and explained the DNR management of the Kirtland Warbler area and explained the tours into their nesting areas. He talked about the Kirtland Warbler Festival which is held in May and will be headquartered at Kirtland Community College. Anyone wishing information may call the college at 517-275-5121.

Jean Kaiser and Jay Stephan have returned from Florida where they spent the winter.

Vera Wylie has informed us that her brother, Tom Roby, will be undergoing surgery for cancer of the esophagus on Thursday, March 27, at Mount Clemens General Hospital. His daughter, Roberta Socia of Warren, will be coming to Grayling to pick up her grandmother Tootie Wylie, who will be going down to stay for a while. Tom will be celebrating his 54th birthday on April 3, in the hospital. Anyone wishing to send him a get-well card or birthday greeting may send it to Tom Roby, 7956 Starville Road, Cottrellville, MI 48039.

D.J. Brown, Merry Meredith and her mother, Mrs. Mary Perry, enjoyed a ten-day trip to Florida. They visited Merry's son, Mike Stillwagon, in New Port Richey, and D.J.'s father, Jake Dunlap in St. Petersburg. They had a good time and especially enjoyed the warm weather.

Barbara and Lloyd Kinsey of Shaw Park Road spent three weeks traveling around Florida on both coasts, visiting friends and relatives. They made one special trip to Riviera Beach to visit her godparents who are 94 years old. They also visited Lloyd's brother and wife and did some sight-seeing at Cypress Gardens, Cape Canaveral, Plant City to attend the Strawberry Festival where they saw Kenny Rogers, and Fisherman's Wharf at Port Gunda. Enroute home they stopped in Carrollton, Georgia, to visit relatives.

Mark Kinsey of Taylor spent the past weekend with his parents, Lloyd and Barbara Kinsey.

While looking over family pictures, I found a picture of a young girl with the name, Lillian Mortenson, and the date of 1914 on it. Do any of my readers know who she is?

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MARCH 1997		Happy Easter! Sunday, March 31
THURS. 27	<p>•PLAY GROUP meets @ Michelson Methodist Church, 2-3 pm. For more information call Joell Gabriel, 348-6389.</p> <p>•OPTIONAL/CONFIDENTIAL HIV/AIDS TESTING & WIC Supplemental Food Program @ district health department.</p> <p>•TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Mary Kay @ 348-1398 for more information.</p> <p>•MINIMAL FEE BLOOD pressure screens & Blood Sugar screenings, 11 am-12 noon @ COA.</p> <p>•SOUL SURVIVORS Suicide Survivors support group @ Mercy Hospital Gallery Room, 6:30 pm. Call 348-1169 or 348-2236 for more information.</p>	
FRI. 28	<p>•SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING VACATION through April 7.</p> <p>•GOOD FRIDAY.</p>	
SAT. 29	<p>•HS FORENSIC Seaholm Invitational @ University of Michigan.</p>	
SUN. 30	<p>•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.</p> <p>•HAPPY EASTER.</p>	
MON. 31	<p>•KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.</p> <p>•SURVIVORS OF INCEST and sexual abuse support group @ New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information.</p>	

APRIL 1997	
TUES. 1	<p>•AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm.</p> <p>•ADHD PARENT'S SUPPORT MEETING @ 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7 pm. Call (517) 732-3529 for more information.</p>
WED. 2	<p>•WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.</p> <p>•GENERAL PARENTING EDUCATION & support group @ New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm.</p> <p>•ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon.</p>

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The literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is more than the greatest miracle of history. Jesus Christ prophesied of His own power over life and death. (John 10:18) "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." The resurrection of Christ was a supernatural miracle which proved His deity. (Romans 1:4) "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

Our spiritual birth was made possible by God the Father resurrecting Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Christ's resurrection assures those who trust in

Him that their sins are forgiven and they are justified. (Romans 4:25) "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." This is part of the mystery of godliness: (1 Timothy 3:16) "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Paul preached: (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." The power of Christ's resurrection was the ultimate truth the apostle Paul desired to know: (Philippians 3:10-11) "That I may know him, and the power of his

resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit were each involved in the resurrection of Christ. (Romans 8:11) "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." This Easter season reminds us that faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is God's provision for our eternal life!

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Jordan Stancil becomes a Fulbright scholar

Jordan Stancil of Grayling has been named a Fulbright Fellow to pursue graduate studies at the University of Vienna in Austria for 1997-98. He received notification from the Institute for International Education at the United Nations. The fellowships are awarded "on the basis of academic merit, and professional promise."

The Fulbright Program, call the U.S. government's "premier educational program," was established by Congress in 1946. It was named in honor of the late J. William Fulbright, long-time chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Fulbright Scholars have included Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, heads of state, ambassadors, senators, and Supreme Court justices. The Fulbright has been described as "the world's most prestigious scholarly exchange program." It is administered by the U.S. Information Agency and a 12-member board appointed by the President.

Stancil is a 1996 honors graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. His senior honors thesis, entitled "From Don Giovanni to Fidelio: Opera and Politics in Vienna" was presented in May 1996 at the Clements Library on the U of M campus.

During his college career, Jordan was a staff writer and featured columnist for the Michigan Daily, also serving on the paper's editorial board. In addition, he was a founder and co-editor of the Michigan Independent, a political and opinion journal.

While majoring in history, he also studied classical piano with Dikran Atamian, noted performer and U of M faculty member.



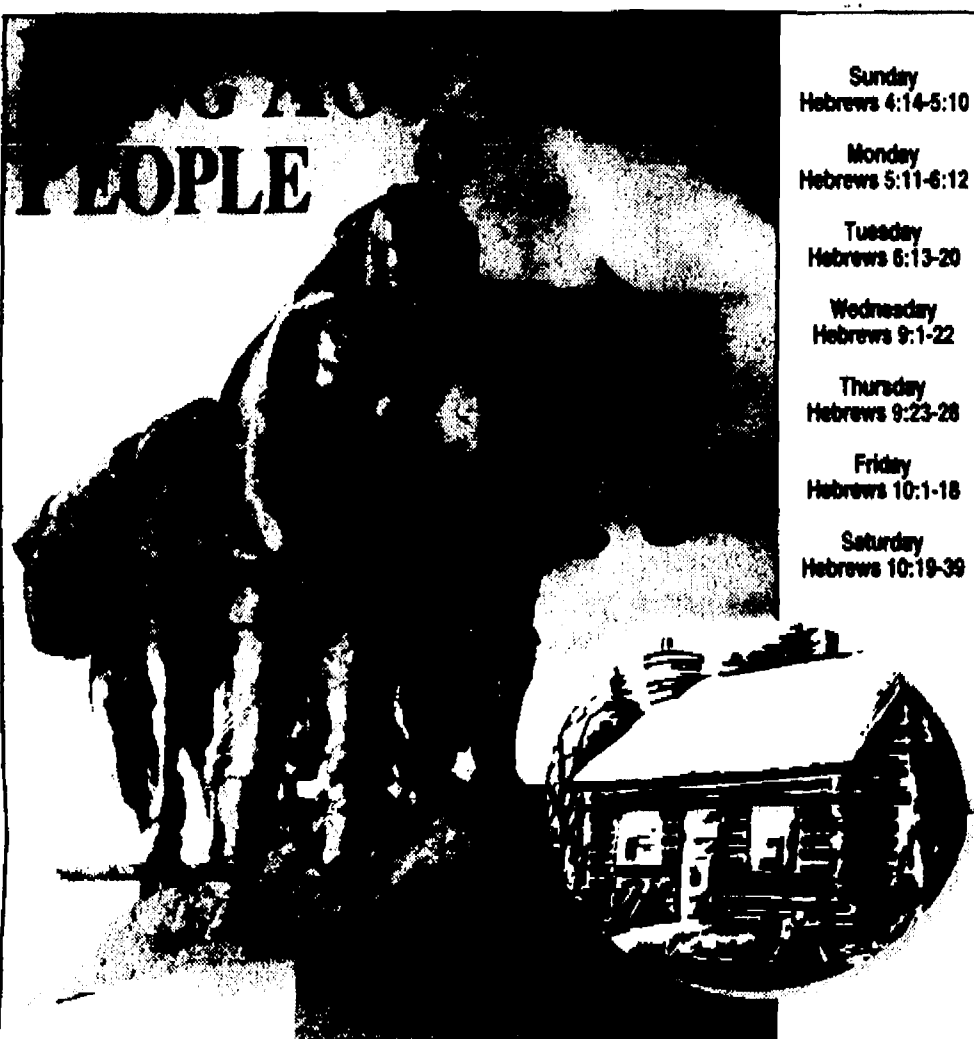
Jordan Stancil

Stancil is currently living in London, and will return to the United States in June, when he will begin a German language program at Middlebury College, Vermont. He will then leave for the University of Vienna in September.

Jordan Stancil is a 1992 graduate of Grayling High School, and is the son of George and Marilyn Stancil.

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I turned and noticed a small, old-fashioned rose bush which seemed to reminisce with yesteryear beside the old house. I could feel the presence of those long-ago people. How they must have loved this place. The woman had tended flowers and vegetables here, had borne her babies and had helped her man carve a life from the wilderness.

What was their secret... these pioneer people? Where did they find the courage and confidence needed to face the deprivations and dangers of primitive living? God was their refuge and strength. Their love of Him illumined their lives, and goodness graced their days. God, in his greatness, is the source of all bounty and joy. They are yours for the asking.

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Wildfire protection update given by DNR officer to the Grayling City Council

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Department of Natural Resources fire officer in Grayling was on the Grayling City Council agenda on Monday, March 24, to discuss the wildfire problem in northern Michigan and, more specifically, in Crawford County.

Duane Brooks, DNR Grayling fire officer, updated council members on the Michigan Wildfire Task Force report and the scheduled public hearings on the issue. One of the public hearings is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling High School.

The state has not kept up with the wildfire protection funding needed by the DNR, the task force's report found.

Brooks told the council members that the DNR wildfire protection program is not being funded properly and Crawford County will be hurt by it.

The task force report also found that the numbers of DNR fire officers across the state is down. The state's early retirement program will continue to decrease the numbers. Brooks is one of the DNR officers who will be a part of the early retirement.

The report also stated that aging DNR fire equipment to fight wildfire blazes need to be replaced and updated. A separate fund to be used in case of a wildfire emergency was also suggested by the independent task force.

State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) created and appointed the wildfire task force. Lowe will be hosting the five

public hearings scheduled in Michigan.

The task force members represent numerous agencies including: Michigan Fire Chief's Association, Michigan State Firemen's Association, Northern Michigan Fire Chief's Association, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Insurance Federation, Michigan National Forests - USDA Forest Service, Marquette County Emergency Services, Michigan Association of Timbermen, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division.

The task force and Lowe would like

to get as many private residents' opinion as they can get at these public hearings, Brooks said. All comments — positive or negative — are constructive for the discussion process.

Brooks also told city council members that one of the suggestions that has been mentioned is to put wildfire protection under local government control. The task force report states that the costs would not be feasible for local governments and fire departments.

The focus of the task force and the public hearings is to work on ways to protect the county and state from the wildfire problem.

"We don't have the people to do our job," Brooks said. "Someone is going to get hurt or killed."

Grayling public hearing scheduled to focus on wildfire fire protection situation

Michigan is courting disaster as its wildland firefighting force declines during a rapid increase in rural home construction, a northern Michigan lawmaker said on March 13, as he announced a series of public hearings on the issue.

State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) and other officials warn in the Michigan Wildfire Task Force Report that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lacks adequate personnel to handle the problem. Lowe will discuss the report and seek input during an April 3 public hearing at 7:30 p.m. in Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium, Old US-27 North.

"Adjusted for inflation, the DNR fire program budget has actually

decreased by 21 percent since 1978," Lowe said. "Meanwhile, more than 600,000 homes were built in Michigan's rural sections. The shortage of trained wildland firefighters means there are no longer sufficient personnel to handle more than one large wildfire in an area at a time."

The staff shortages reduce the ability to stop wildfires while they are small. With the early retirement program for state workers beginning this spring, the problem will get worse.

Lowe said these shortages can be devastating to northern Michigan residents, as in the 1990 Stephan Bridge Road fire. The blaze was one of two large fires burning simultaneously in Crawford County. The Billman Road fire, located about 10

miles south, destroyed another 600 acres and several homes, because there were no firefighters immediately available to contain it.

To address the problem, Lowe makes the following recommendations:

- The DNR should remain the lead state agency for the wildland fire protection program. The department should be properly staffed and equipped to fulfill its responsibilities.

- The wildland fire program should be restored to 192 full-time employees, with 142 as fire officers.

- The state should create a \$750,000 emergency fire suppression fund for use during severe fire seasons.

- Heavy equipment should be replaced on a regular schedule. At

least \$1.6 million will be needed initially to fund equipment replacement on a reasonable rotation.

"Michigan has developed an efficient wildland firefighting program through the use of highly specialized equipment," Lowe said. "Unfortunately, there are more than 30 engines over 20-years old and 31 tractor ploys more than 18-years old. Repair parts are difficult to obtain, and some units are unreliable and risky to use."

This need persists despite a special \$5 million appropriation in 1995 that helped reduce the backlog of outdated equipment.

Lowe said most local fire departments lack the training and equipment to deal with wildland fires.

"This is a job for the DNR," Lowe said. "The department must provide the overall leadership and coordination, as well as the personnel and equipment. This cannot happen until we provide the tools to get the job done."

Other hearings are scheduled during April in Midland, Escanaba, Cadillac and Muskegon. For public comments, call Lowe's office at (517) 373-0829.

Power outage planned for some residents

A two-hour planned power outage that will affect 2,500 Top O' Michigan Electric customers living east and south of Grayling in parts of Crawford and Oscoda counties will be held from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. Tuesday, April 1.

The planned outage will affect Top O' Michigan customers who live south of the AuSable River from Luzerne to McMasters Bridge Road and in the North Down River Road and M-72 areas between McMasters Bridge Road and Grayling. Top O' Michigan customers south of M-72 living near sections of Four Mile, Staley Lake, Stephan Bridge and Chase Bridge roads will be included in the planned outage along with customers south of M-72 in the Eldorado and West Lake areas.

The outage is needed so substation maintenance work can be done. Similar maintenance work is scheduled at other substations throughout Top O' Michigan's service territory this spring

to help improve service. Outages planned for the other substations will be announced at a later date.

In case of bad weather, the planned outage will be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 2, from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Crawford County Animal Shelter in need of many items

It's Easter season — a time to rejoice.

For the homeless animals at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, there is scant reason to rejoice. But there are a few ways — in addition to adoption — that humans can help make the lives of the dogs and cats at the shelter a bit more joyful.

When you're shopping, consider

purchasing an extra item or two to donate to the animal shelter.

The following items are greatly needed: dog and cat food (preferably not generic), laundry detergent, and laundry bleach.

Also needed are: choke chains (extra heavy duty kind), dog and cat toys — rubber, squeaky ones for the dogs and catnip for the cats, dog and cat treats, Glen's and Carter's cash register slips, Ken-L Ration and Cycle Homeless Homer symbols, kitty litter, paper toweling, particle board, and plastic gloves (throwaway style).

Other items needed include: rolls of quarters for the laundromat, two-and-a-half to 3-gallon hard plastic pails, short hard plastic pails (for puppies), large plastic tarps, scrub brushes (heavy duty kind), soft soap (antibacterial kind), Spartan brand labels, Spic and Span, stamps for letters (32 cents), tennis balls, toilet paper, used (but clean) towels, blankets, sweaters, bathrobes, throw rugs, and trash bags.

Persons can call the shelter at 348-4117 to arrange to drop off any donations. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mondays-Saturdays, and 8-11 a.m. on Sundays. The shelter is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street.

Lottery Commissioner defends closing proposal

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

One of the largest net income businesses in the State of Michigan may be closing two regional offices, including the local office in Grayling.

A proposal has been made by the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery to close the Grayling and Marquette regional claim centers. According to Michigan Lottery officials, the closings may occur to better serve the Lottery customers and to decrease costs.

The Michigan Lottery, which finished only behind the big three — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — in preliminary figures for net income last year, may close the Grayling Lottery office to maximize even more revenue.

The Michigan Lottery is the only state agency that was established to maximize revenue, said Michigan Lottery Commissioner Bill Martin. The Lottery always is looking at ways to generate more revenue, since a percentage of the revenue is returned to Michigan schools.

The closings are proposed for a few reasons. Martin said the Lottery is working on a better way to serve its customers, so a \$600 or more winner from Alpena does not have to drive all the way to Grayling to cash his or her winnings. The claim centers are the only locations where a winning ticket of \$600 or more can be cashed. It also can be done by mail.

Martin also pointed out that the

change would be more cost effective for the Bureau of State Lottery and free up the regional sales people to work more directly with retailers.

"We don't do this with a great amount of glee, because it can affect some very good employees," Martin said of the proposed regional office closings.

One of the seven employees who works out of the Grayling office who will be affected by the closing is Janet Gugin.

Gugin is making plans for future employment. She said she has an interview in Gaylord with another state agency, but the new position would mean a demotion and pay cut.

"My personal feeling is the (Grayling) office shouldn't be closed," Gugin said.

A target estimate for the proposed closing of the Grayling is sometime in mid-summer, Martin said. His best guess was sometime in June or July.

"We won't close the office until we have a better alternative in place," Martin said.

The "better alternative" will probably be some type of arrangement with a Credit Union or another financial institution, Martin said.

This way a Lottery winner could take his or her winning ticket to this local institution and receive the money, Martin said. With the new technology, the state Lottery officials could wire the money to the financial institution on demand.



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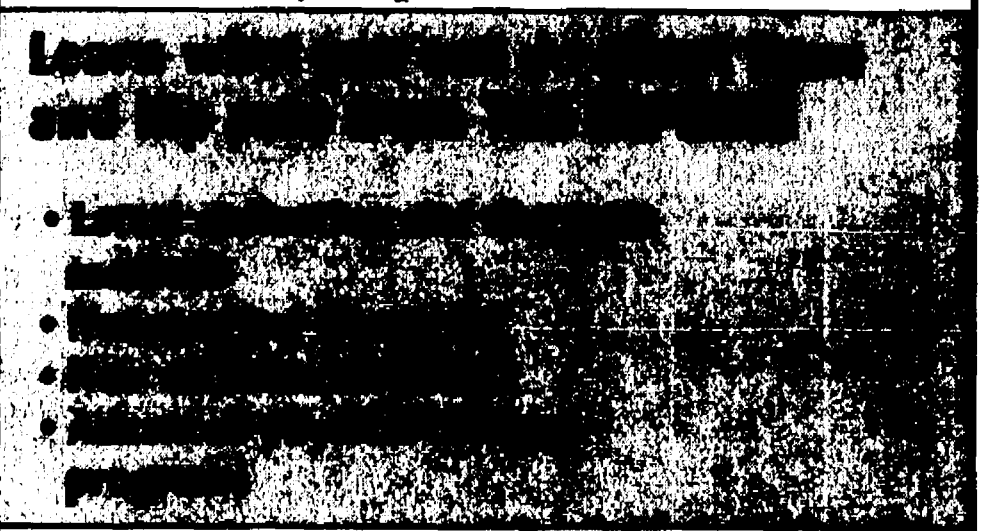
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EXERCISE

Develop a program

It is important to tailor an exercise program to fit your own ability and special needs. Anyone who has been inactive for many years, should not try to do too much too soon. Before beginning, see a doctor, especially if you are over 60, have a disease or disability, or are taking medications.

Begin slowly. Gradually increase periods 5-10 minutes twice a week, then increase 15-30 minutes three to four times a week. Always pay attention to what your body tells you. Although most people have no problems with it, they should start exercising slowly, be alert to unusual symptoms such as chest pain, shortness of breath, aching joints, or muscle cramps. Call a doctor if these occur.

To "pay off," exercise must be done regularly--at least twice a week for 30-40 minutes for each workout. Choose activities you enjoy, then vary the routine to use all parts of the body. Strive for a balanced program with strengthening, stretching and aerobic exercises.

Muscle Strengthening--To build muscle strength, move muscles against resistance. This can be done by lifting weights, working out on machines, or doing routines such as pushing against a wall. Take at least one day rest between weight workouts so muscles can recover. You can hurt yourself if weights are used incorrectly or exercises done improperly. For example, sit-ups, if done with straight legs instead of with knees bent, can hurt the back.

Flexibility--Warm up and cool down with 5-15 minutes of stretching exercises. Stretching exercises often stress movements you do naturally, such as reaching the hands toward the ceiling or making circles with the feet and ankles.

Aerobic Conditioning--Aerobic exercises, such as running, walking, swimming and dancing, can cause the heart to beat faster and breath to come more rapidly.

The goal of aerobic exercises is to strengthen the heart by raising the heart rate to a certain level and keeping it there for 20 minutes. Find your target heart or pulse by subtracting your age from 220 and then multiplying the result by 70 percent. Thus, for a 60-year-old person, the target rate would be (220-60) x 70% or 112. It may take a person who has not exercised regularly, several months to raise the rate to 70 percent.

What can help to keep you exercising? • Choose activities you enjoy; • Make exercise a part of a daily routine; • Exercise with a group for social interaction, as well as physical fitness; • Keep a written record of progress; • Exercise to music; • Select comfortable clothes; • Wear properly-fitting shoes; • Pay attention to our body. Forget the saying: no pain, no gain; • Exercise indoors when temperatures outside are cold; • Increase daily activities. Park farther from a building and walk. Walk up and down stairs instead of using the elevator.

Middle, high school science fair held

Editor's note - due to time constraints last week only the science fair winners could be included. All sixth through 12th grade science fair participants have been included in this week's Avalanche.

The participants are as follows: Science Plants/Earth (Physical) sixth grade - Travis Nelson "Can acids and bases be identified with vegetable molecules?"; Heather Merchant "How do plants grow?"; Jesse Gildner/Matt Cottrell "Will the color of the water that white carnations frink affect their color?";

Beth A. Evans "Does sunlight affect the growth of bread mold?"; Melissa King/Jennie Gibbons "How does salt affect the growth of brine shrimp?"; Shawn Vanlanene/Ryan Harland "How much air do your lungs hold?"; Chris Wooster "Are two eyes better than one eye?"; Nicole Marie Persing "Do all people feel pain the same?"; Kyle Fleischmann/Brett Mead "How much air do you breathe?"; Arrow Francisco/Bonnie Mahaney "How do your eyes work?"; Andria Alvarez/Shannon Terry "What's the difference between near sightedness and far sightedness?"; and Andrea Tanniello "No Question".

Science Energy (Physical) - sixth grade - Kim Mitchell/Carmen Hulbert "What ingredients mix together with water to form a gas?"; Glenn Cousins "How does a submarine work?"; Natasha Gates/Nicole Lutz "How does photography work?"; Amanda Gasser/Jenna Vannostrand "Do hot molecules move faster than cold molecules?";

Jan Gregorich/Andi Holzbauer "What colors combine to create certain dye colors?"; Coleman Payne/Shane Ferrell "How can salt lower the freezing temperature of water?"; Stephani Wakeley/Shannon Plutko "How does the seltzer and water reaction work?";

Adam Mills/Josh Talor "What parachute's work the best?"; Chris Wakeley/Caleb Mead "Does mass affect acceleration?"; Jeremy Messerschmidt/Thomas Schwalm "Are rubber molecules less bouncy when cold?"; Jensen Dreasky/Nate Mueller "Does hard water clean as well as soft water?";

Mary Wingfield/Halie Phipps "Can simple tests be used to determine the presence of starch, fat and protein in foods?"; Sarah Starks/John Baker "Can the flavor of apple cider vinegar be isolated from apple cider vinegar?"; Michaelen Smith/K.C. Kindler "Which kite will fly better?";

Amanda St. Amour/Tracy Austin "If a liquid at room temperature is allowed to evaporate slowly in an open dish will the liquid become cooler?"; Jenni Rusiecki/Maeghan Corwin "Can a house key be electroplated?"; Chris Cragg/Jason Henning "How much volume does carbon dioxide have when it is released when seltzer tablets react with water at room temperature?";

Britni Baker "How does buoyancy affect objects in a fluid?"; Sarah Lepsy/Jennifer Millar "Why does air pressure make the frog predict the weather?"; Tara Papendick/Ashly Longendyke "How does a cloud form?"; James Lawrence/Bryan Winchester "How can you make a plastic bottle collapse without touching it?";

Colleen Rogers "Cold and hot water, which weighs more?"; A.J. Boardman/Frank Verlinde "How much oxygen is in air?"; Danielle Beckwith/Sarah Golnick "How do we breathe?"; Ashlea Mitchell/Amber Moore "What makes things float on water?"; Brock McClanahan/Jared Welch "Can you tell the difference between a hard boiled egg and a raw egg?"; Autumn Burpee/Toshia Butts "How can you get water to float on water?";

Chelsie Boadway/Sarah Pelkey "How does temperature affect the size of the crystal?"; Jessica Green/Lexi Bondar "How do clouds form?"; and Annelese Finke/Cody Myers "How do crystals change over a period of time?";

Science Energy (Physical) - sixth grade - Tracy Parkinson "How does the number of batteries used affect the brightness of a light bulb?"; Lynn Johnston "Can more pressure speed up cooking?"; Dain Decker/John Covell "Does a solid give off combustible gas after it burns?"; Jenny Brunell/Lori Ellis "Which battery will last the longest in a flashlight?"; Sean Doyle/Willy Brewer "How does electricity flow?";

Nicholas McNamar/Ryan Messerschmidt "Where are the north and south poles of a bar, cylinder, horseshoe, ring magnets?"; Antonio Sala/Marx Stephan "Can a lemon conduct electricity?"; Eric Hunter/Todd Gaffke "What types of things would set off a burglar alarm?"; Ashley Linkhart/Felicia Phillips "What takes up more space hot air or cold air?"; Chris Newberry/Danielle Lepsy "Can electricity flow through salt water?";

Tyler Huber/Josh Jurkovich "What happens if you change the weight and length of a pendulum?"; J.J. VanSlyke/Adam Johns "Does the energy supplied by a flow of charge depend on the quantity of charge?"; Julie Owen/Becky Flaherty "Can the construction of the electromagnet alter the volume of buzzer?";

James Kenney/Zach Ostrander/Travis Lane "What solids and liquids are good conductors?"; Mike Trosper/Randy Smock "Is it easier to start something moving quickly or slowly?"; Ashley Bancroft/Barbie Wargo "Can heat be stored?"; Chrissy Straigh/April Brown "What will make the best insulator?";

Amanda Gomez/Andrea Vogel "How is an electric charge detected?"; Ben Hebel/Ken Jackson "Does light travel in straight lines?"; Danyelle Larson/Jennifer Failing "Is there a way to see a magnetic field?"; Jesse Bonenfant/Josh Spencer "Will more batteries make an electromagnet stronger?";

Brek Denewett/Brandon Jacobs "Can a magnetized needle work like a compass?"; Jordan Knight/Billy Reynolds "What materials conduct electricity?"; Cory Klee/Robert Jewell "Can the loudness of a home made buzzer be altered?"; Monica Safin/

Rebecca Spicer "What would make a water wheel more efficient?"; Carrie Muse/Sally Jansen "What does the winds strength and direction have to do with weather?"; Kristin Lee/Christine Gardiner "What makes a good conductor?"; Ashley Beemer/Jenna McClain "How does a battery store energy?"; Mike Hartig/Billy Partello "Can water flow without a pump to make it flow?";

Dustin R. Ellis "Which ingredients from a seltzer tablet cause a reaction in water that produces a gas?"; Nicole Starr/Aubrey Haertel "How does sound travel?"; Charley McNamara/Kenny Heinlein "How does centrifugal force affect how gravity acts on an object?"; Ashley McMann/Sarah Pegouskie "How can you inflate a balloon without blowing in it or using a pump?";

Kim Hatfield/Patti Martella "How does electricity flow through a light bulb?"; Kate Nickert "How does solar energy change into heat?"; Justin Lobsinger/Danny Mahaney "How does an electric pencil work?"; Lance Harmer/Mathew Strohpaal "How hot air balloons work and how does it use energy?";

Joann Yarger/Alexandria Pomeroy "Will different densities of liquid effect magnetic force?"; Steven James Hardy/Mark Cebaca "What type of battery is the most powerful?"; Sam Cross/Jason Glicker "Will a electromagnet affect a compass?"; Michele Belcher/Jessica Peterson "Can we make electricity?";

Roy Middleton/Andrew Sloan "How does a bottle cannon work?"; Justin Hanes/Matt Boardman "Why does the sun turn orange and red when it sets at dusk and not another color?"; Travis Fagan/Kevin Jozwiak "What metal does our electric pen write on the neatest and clearest?"; and Steve Gildner/Nick Klemish "Can a six volt battery power a burglar alarm?";

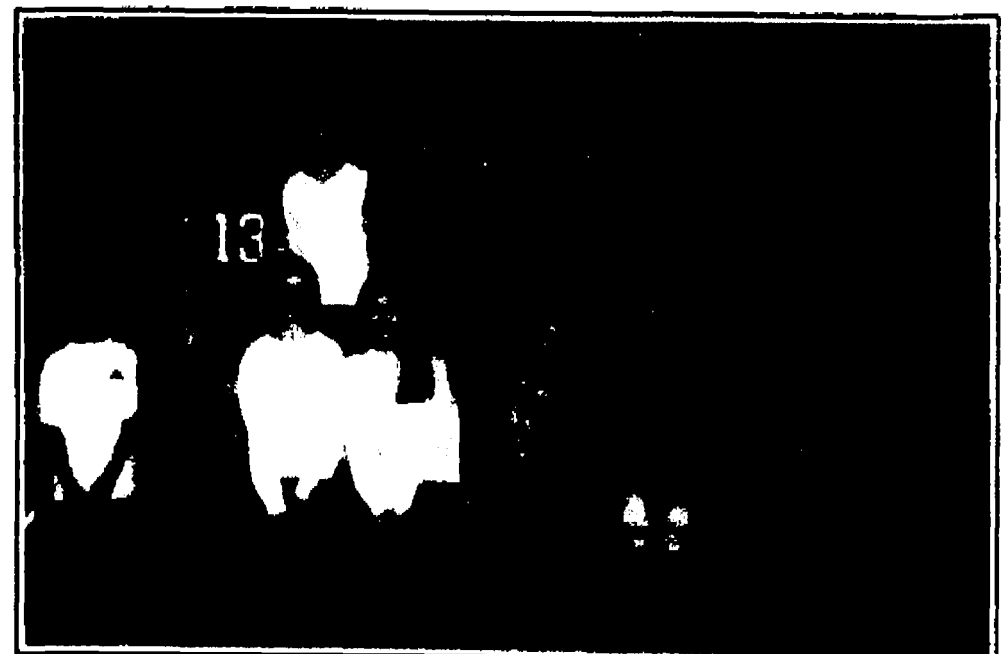
Science fair entries - seventh and eighth grades - Jessica Varda/Rachel Vanguilder "Why aren't the dinosaurs here anymore?"; Ashlee Cox/Sarah Weaver "What is a tumor and what causes it?"; Jennifer Feutz "This is my tongue what does it do?"; Elizabeth Wheeler/Renee Kell "What pop has more acid in it to kill a spider plant?"; Jennifer Lehman/Scott Latusek "How does the heart work?";

Kyle Langseth/Chris Youngblood "What is vertical leap and what is the best way to increase it?"; Tom Stevenson "What things conduct electricity?"; Craig Enlow "Which one would be better to cook an egg-salt water or tap water?"; Jennie Hubbard "How does a garden grow?"; Angela Everson "What are the effects of different liquids other than water on growing plants?"; Annie Spencer "What are the layers of the earth?"; Alexis Sumner/Ann Hughes "Do earthworms help terrariums grow?"; and Arica Wolcott/Tabitha Harney "What is the difference be-

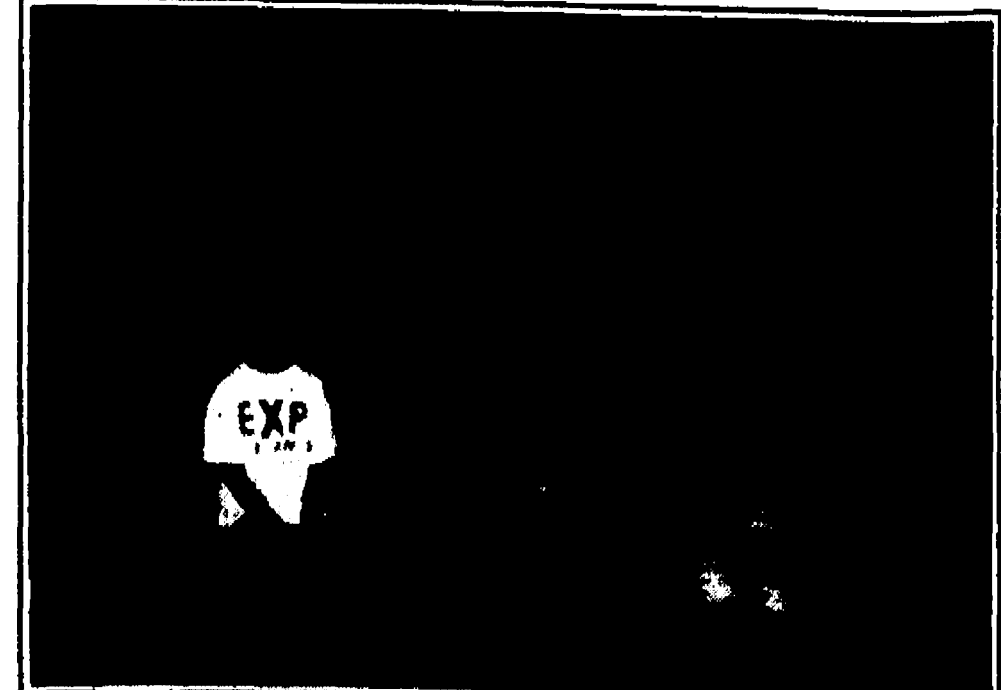
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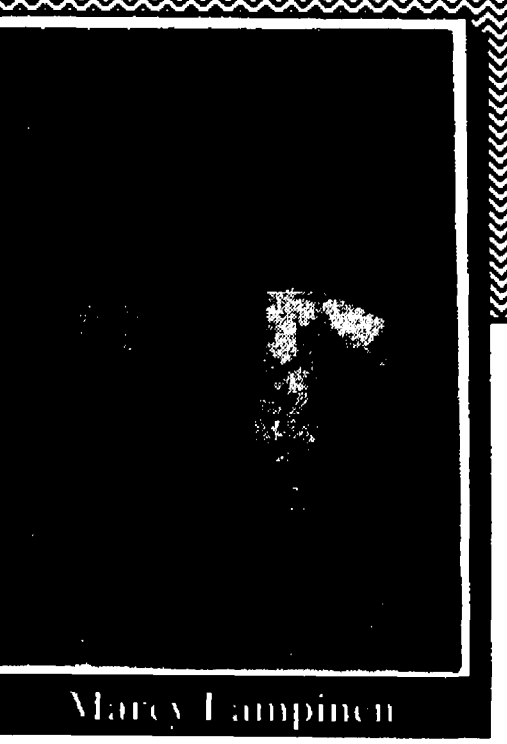
FIRST PLACE -- The Grayling Middle School students placing first in the Science and Art Fair are (in alphabetical order) Willy Brewer, Maeghan Corwin, Ashlee Cox, Sean Doyle, Shane Ferrell, Tyler Huber, Ann Hughes, Josh Jurkovich, James Kenney, Travis Lane, Zach Ostrander, Coleman Payne, Nicole Marie Persing, Halie Phipps, Jenni Rusiecki, Alexis Sumner, Sarah Weaver and Mary Wingfield. photos by Craig Hofman



SECOND PLACE -- The Grayling Middle School students placing second in the Science and Art Fair are (in alphabetical order) Danielle Beckwith, Chris Cragg, Brek Denewett, Dustin R. Ellis, Todd Gaffke, Jennie Gibbons, Sarah Golnick, Jason Henning, Eric Hunter, Brandon Jacobs, Ashly Longendyke, Melissa King, Tara Papendick, Antonio Sala, Annie Spencer and Marx Stephan.



THIRD PLACE -- The Grayling Middle school students placing third in the Science and Art Fair are (in alphabetical order) Matt Boardman, April Brown, Annelese Finke, Natasha Gates, Justin Hanes, Nicole Lutz, Heather Merchant, Ashlea Mitchell, Amber Moore, Cody Myers, Monica Safin, Rebecca Spicer and Chrissy Straigh.



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Science fair entries - ninth, 10th and 11th grade - Mick Greene/Daniel Huckabay "working of the internal combustion engine"; Heather Stevens/Brandy Peterson "The reception of sound from a c.d. player to the speakers"; Robert Kostopolus "How do you make a toy motor run?"; Crystal Pilon "What are acids and alkalis?";

Kevin L. Bulley "How does a switch and a doorbell circuit work?"; Suzanna Failing/Kristin Starr "Seltzer tablet project"; Tiffany Halstead/Misty Medeiros "How does the cycle of erosion work?"; Jenny Hubenschmidt/Chris Love "How does the circulatory system operate?"; Jared Armstrong "What is the affect of drugs on the brain?";

Jeremy Millikin/Travis Huber "What is air garbage?"; Luke Cross/John Galloway "How does a solid turn to a gas?"; Raymond Pyle "What is gravity?"; Armand Lawrence/James Jones "How does a Ph scale work in household work?"; Sara Eagen/Louie Kehr "Does environment play a part in plant growth?";

Sarah Wells "How to make a house light up by electricity"; Neil Jozsa "Does running really give you more energy?"; Isaac Moberg/Robert Doherty "What are the effects of oil spills on our oceans and how can they be cleaned up?"; Chad Miltenberger/Travis Hulbert "May 5, 2000, what will happen?"; Dawn Howell/Chris Beck "Do you know what drugs do to your system?";

Paul Alma/Jason Boone "How old is the earth?"; Jenny French "What is the theory of evolution?"; Kevin Jansen/Marc Weaver "Chemicals and how they react to one another: example - why does the water level rise when you put steel wool in it?"; Dan Canfield/Andy Henry "Biomoids of the world"; and Angie Cojocar/Mo Harwood "How does nature recycle?";

Science fair entries - 11th and 12th grades - Gary Coffman "What is electrical current?"; Annie Becks/Vickie Carter "What is an atomic particle accelerator?"; Autumn Smith/Ray Babbitt "What are some characteristics of dry ice?"; Paul Niederer "How does mass and its position affect rotational inertia?";

Ed Elaser/Jeremy Colby "What is the law of strings?"; Anica Burkett/Gretchen Ross "How do torques produce equilibrium?"; Jennifer Jurkovich/Mike Bobenmoyer "How do you make a lightbulb?"; Meghan Gosling/Shannon Wakeley "What are the characteristics of waves?"; Miquel Perez/Keith Sowulewski "What are fiber optics and how are they used in today's society";

Michelle Duncley/Jessica St. Germain "What are the composition of forces?"; Eddy Baynham/Ben Haskel "Ever wonder how you hear?"; Johnny Moua/Dennis Gugin "What makes a volcano react?"; Brad Larm/Mike Knight/Kris Urie "What is torque?"; Shannon Papendick "What effects the period of a pendulum?";

Ravi Ramaswamy/Onna Ingvarsson "How do the lung's work?"; James Balme/Armands Graube "What is a thermite reaction?"; Jenny Ohsowski/Nikki Schornack "What is momentum?"; Chris Floriano/Kate Brunskill "What is friction?"; and Kelly Taylor/Krystal Harris "How does age affect light and dark adaptation to the eye?";

Art fair entries - all grades - Elvis Johnson/Rupert Sanderson "The Art of Art"; and Rachael Evin/Sasha Latuszek "Candy Solar System".

The science fair was held March 15 at the Grayling Middle school. Approximately 300 people attended the fair.

The Science and Art Fair Committee is as follows: Larry Austin, Melissa Stone, Daniel Pummell, Dan Ullery, Mike Dean, Butch Hayes;

Chuck Schepke, Lacey Stephan, Kathy Bliss, Karen Langseth and Robert J. Hannan.

Local generating station completes historic run

CMS Generation's Grayling Generating Station recently completed the most productive run in the plant's history — operating 247 consecutive days at 100 percent availability of its 36 megawatt generating capacity to power customer Consumers Energy.

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COMPETITION WINNER — Frank Morris won first place in the Veterans Creative Arts Competition at the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek. The Grayling resident is shown here with his hand-crafted cane and hat.

Grayling man advances in veterans competition

A local Vietnam Veteran has had his craftsmanship advance in the Veterans Creative Arts Competition to the national event.

Frank Morris of Grayling won first place for a hand-crafted cane and got

a 100 percent score for a hat which he recently completed. He won a VA Medical Center in Battle Creek plaque in March for the competition.

The hat, which is similar to an outback or cowboy hat, was made by

Morris in approximately a weeks time. Morris said the cane, which included a carved handle, took longer than three weeks to complete the craftsmanship.

The national event where his hat and cane will be entered will be judged in June or July.

Crawford men sentenced in Roscommon court

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

On March 18, in Roscommon County Court, three Crawford County men were sentenced for their actions in Roscommon County on Nov. 15 and 16, 1996.

Kenneth Clayton Halstead, 21, of Frederic; Benjamin Michael Ledezma, 17, of Grayling; and Kenneth Lee Wood, 21, of Frederic, pled guilty to the Breaking and Entering and Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) charges on Jan. 21.

Halstead was sentenced to 36 months probation. The first 10 months will be served in the Roscommon County Jail.

Halstead was sentenced for Count one (Breaking and Entering a building) and Count two (MDOP over \$100).

Wood was sentenced for three to 10 years in prison for Count one (Breaking and Entering) and sentenced for two to four years for Count two (MDOP over \$100). The sentences are to run concurrently.

Ledezma was sentenced for five to 10 years in prison for Count one (Breaking and Entering with Intent); sentenced for two to four years for Count two (MDOP over \$100); 30 months to five years in prison for Count five (Breaking and Entering a

Motor Vehicle) and sentenced for two to four years for Count seven (MDOP over \$100).

Each of the three men must also pay one-third of the \$16,520.79 in restitution.

Because Wood and Ledezma were involved in destruction of other properties, each must pay additional amounts for restitution. Wood must pay \$600; Ledezma must pay \$3,224.52.

Halstead must pay off the restitution during his probationary period. If he does not pay, his probation will be extended.

Wood and Ledezma must pay the restitution once they are paroled from prison. If they do not pay, their parole will be extended.

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The recurrent infection may occur either on the lips or inside the mouth. They are frequently preceded by a burning sensation and swelling or soreness. Gray or white vesicles rupture quickly leaving small red ulcerations. The medication Zovirax (acyclovir) has been shown to be effective in treating these lesions. Ask your health professional regarding this medication.

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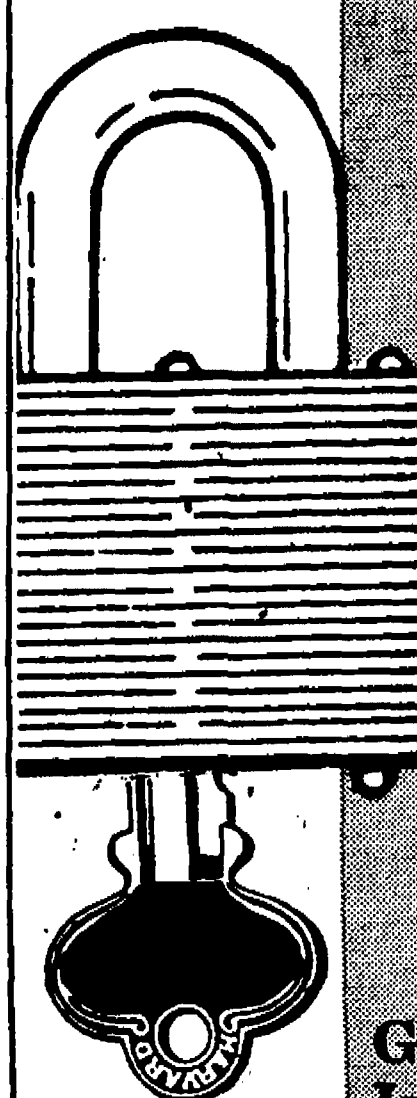
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On Capitol Hill, at state houses and in communities across America, NARFE is working to provide the

public with a clearer understanding of federal service. NARFE is making a difference in the fight to protect and preserve the retirement and health care benefits federal employees have earned.

The local chapter of NARFE, Chapter 2305, will meet on Thursday, April 3, at the Iron Gate Restaurant in

Grayling. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses.

Two school board terms to be on ballot

On June 9 voters will fill two four-year Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education vacancies.

The terms of Board of Education President Lewis Madill and Trustee Rodney Lobsinger will expire at the end of this school year.

In order to be placed on the ballot, those wishing to be elected must file a nominating petition. The last day for filing these petitions is Monday, April 7, at 4 p.m. in the district's central office building.

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

The Crawford AuSable School Board of Education will conduct its 15th Annual Recognition Night on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

Nominations for the awards are taken from staff, board of education members and the community.

School administrators and the board of education review the nominations and decide who will receive the awards.

According to Superintendent Kent Reynolds, approximately 200 people will be honored at the recognition night.

Nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

Outstanding Educator
Each building principal will collect the nominations via a process to be determined within each building.

The award is designed to recognize an outstanding contribution to the education of the students of the Crawford AuSable School District.

Outstanding Contribution to the Education of the Students of the Crawford AuSable School District by a Citizen

This award is intended to honor local citizens (non-school employees) who have served the students of the district in extraordinary fashion

through their actions, activities or leadership.

Greatest Single Academic Accomplishments by Students

This award is intended to honor students district wide for single academic accomplishments. For example, an exceptional research paper, exceptional test score or exceptional project are a sample of what could be honored.

Greatest Single Co-curricular Accomplishments by Students

This award is intended to honor students district wide for single extracurricular accomplishments. For example, an exceptional athletic performance in a game or meet or an exceptional performance in music, drama or speech could be honored.

Outstanding Service by a Volunteer

To recognize extraordinary service to the students of the Crawford AuSable schools by a volunteer or a volunteer aide this award was created. Only non-paid volunteers are to be considered for this award.

Support Staff Employee of the Year

Building principals and the assistant superintendent will collect nominations via a process to be determined within each building. This award is intended to honor extraordinary serv-

ice to the students of the district by a support staff employee.

Outstanding Service to Schools by a Community Organization or Agency

This award is intended to honor community agencies, organizations, service clubs or other nonprofit organizations who have provided extraordinary services to the school district through their actions, activities or leadership.

Outstanding Support for Schools by a Business

This award is intended to honor community businesses who have provided extraordinary services to the school district through their actions, activities or leadership.

Curricular Initiatives

This award is intended to honor persons or groups (employees or non-employees) whose suggestions, ideas, actions or work led to curricular development having the greatest impact on the students of the district and the district as a whole.

Special Award

This award has been created for persons, groups, agencies and businesses that are deserving of recognition but do not fit into any of the other categories and for special recognition as determined by the Board of Education.

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Answer: Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended as a routine childhood immunization by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the U.S. Public Health Service and the Committee on Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics. As of Jan. 1, all Michigan children under age 5 in daycare must be immunized against Hepatitis B. By the year 2000, Hepatitis B immunizations will be required for all new school enterers in the state of Michigan.

Hepatitis B is a disease of the liver. The virus that causes it (HBV) infects and damages the liver. In some cases this can lead to serious illness, a life-long infection, cirrhosis, liver damage, liver cancer or even death. In fact, Hepatitis B is the leading cause of liver cancer.

You can get Hepatitis B from direct body contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person. This can happen if you share needles for injecting drugs, have sex with an infected person, live in the same house with someone who has life-long HBV infection or have a job that exposes

you to human blood. A baby can get the virus that causes Hepatitis B (HBV) from its mother during birth, if the mother is infected. Babies can then become carriers and have life-long Hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B vaccination is an investment in your baby's future. By receiving the series of three shots, your baby will be protected from HBV, a virus he or she may come in contact with anytime in life. Once vaccinated the baby is no longer at risk of becoming infected.

Hepatitis B vaccinations are available at doctor's offices, and health department immunization clinics. The first one is usually given before leaving the hospital or soon afterwards. Then the next two are given with the rest of the baby's shots. Then the baby is protected from the serious problems caused by Hepatitis B virus.

For more information on Hepatitis B and the immunization to prevent it, ask your physician, health care provider or health department office.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Wexford, Muskegon, Kalkaska and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

State police sergeant receives bravery medal

The Michigan State Police Board of Awards announced that Spl./Sgt. Robert E. Topp is the recipient of the Michigan State Police Award of Bravery. He is credited with saving the life of a hostage victim.

Topp works at his post at the Grayling Forensic Science Laboratory.

On Jan. 18, 1996, an armed man entered a bank in Houghton. The suspect threatened employees and fired a round from his shotgun into the ceiling. He then robbed the bank of approximately \$70,000.

As he began his exit from the bank, the suspect approached a bank teller and forced her to place a homemade bomb around her neck. The suspect held the detonator button in his hand with a wire leading back to the bomb. The bank manager approached the suspect and offered to exchange herself for the bank teller. The suspect agreed and the bomb was placed around her neck. However, the suspect became angry with the manager and shot her in the arm.

The suspect then decided to place the bomb back on his original hostage. He then ordered another employee to provide him with a get-away vehicle. Holding the two at gunpoint, he led the hostages to the vehicle and released one of them.

Meanwhile, Houghton City police officers, with assistance from Houghton County deputies, Hancock City police officers, and troopers from the Calumet Post, surrounded the bank. As the suspect attempted to drive away from the scene, police officers shot out the tires of the vehicle. The car came to a stop on a side street across from the Houghton City Police Department.

After an exhaustive 17-hour standoff in severe temperatures and more than 20 inches of falling snow, the situation worsened and officials from the Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team had to shoot the suspect.

When the shooting took place, the explosive device was still attached to the hostage. Topp immediately crawled through the car window and removed the explosive device from

the hostage. After she was led to safety, Topp assisted fellow bomb squad members in rendering the explosive device safe and searching the rest of the vehicle for additional explosives.

The Michigan State Police Board of Awards recognizes that if it were not for Topp's quick and selfless actions, the hostage may not have survived.

Topp enlisted with the department on Jan. 17, 1982, and was first assigned as a trooper to the Romeo Post. In October 1985 he joined the Forensic Division at the Madison Heights Laboratory. October 1987 marked a promotion to his current rank of sergeant. In October 1992 he transferred to his current post at the Grayling Forensic Science Laboratory. Sergeant Topp holds a Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. A native of Plainwell, he now lives in Elmira with his spouse, Susan.

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Local roofing business receives national honor at sales seminar

At the 15th annual Duro-Last National Sales Seminar held in Clearwater, Fla., in the first part of February, Great Lakes Roofing was honored with the Admiral's Club Award from Duro-Last Roofing, Inc. The Admiral's Award is in recognition of outstanding achievement in quality workmanship, customer satisfaction, and annual sales in excess of \$500,000.

Great Lakes Roofing also earned the "Master Roofers Award" for their continued quality workmanship and

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Great Lakes Roofing services all of northern Michigan. Its main office is located in Grayling, with additional offices in Pickford and Munising.

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County, area issues communicated to U.S. Senator's representatives

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Two aides from U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham's office held an informal gathering at Grayling Township Hall on Thursday, March 20, to listen to residents' and officials' concerns about the area, and the role Abraham can play in helping things.

Laurie Bink, Abraham's state director, and Chris Pavelich, a state aide for the senator, came to Crawford County to touch base with residents and listen to items or legislation that will affect the Grayling area and all of northern Michigan.

The first concern that was raised focused on the need for funds for local road projects and agencies. People were hopeful that some federal money which goes to the state could be

"earmarked" for local communities.

According to Bink, road concerns are always one of the first two items that groups all over Michigan state list as a need.

The message has been delivered to the Michigan officials in Washington, Bink said. The road situation is a priority by Democrats and Republicans from the state at the federal level. They are working on it.

Another item raised at the gathering was the federal budget for the military and how that affects this area because of the National Guard training facility, Camp Grayling.

The military budget directly affects Crawford County, which was pointed out to Bink and Pavelich.

Bink said Abraham's position is if there were to be a reduction take place with the number of active troops, then

there should be an increase in the national guard spending or at least keep at status quo.

"We will check on the appropriations for the national guard," Bink said.

Crawford County Commissioner Kathy Black presented the two senator aides with a packet of information called "Northeast Michigan Trends & Issues." This information guide was drawn up by an ad hoc committee of northern Michigan government officials. This packet has also been given to state governmental officials.

In the information packet, the trend issue was pointed out as being the rural area growing rapidly. In 1970, the region's population density was two to eight persons per square mile, while in 1990, it was greater than 25 persons per square mile.

The ad hoc committee also listed

some ways to possibly address the trends facing northern Michigan.

Some ideas listed include: local units receiving revenues from the mining of oil and gas reserves; local units receiving revenues from timber harvesting in the area; an increase in the gasoline sales tax; insure that existing grant programs are more "rural friendly"; investigate the possibility of increasing local share in revenue sharing; increase the funds returned to local units in lieu of taxes on state lands; and abandon plans to eliminate personal property taxes.

Pavelich and Bink said they will take this information and present the concerns to Abraham. They said the purpose of this gathering was to do just that; listen to area concerns and pass them on to the senator.



ABRAHAM'S AIDES — Laurie Bink (left) and Chris Pavelich talk with county residents and officials, including Crawford County Commissioner Lynette Corlew (far right). The issues raised will be taken back to U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham by his aides, Bink and Pavelich.

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Maple syrup process taught at state park



MEASURING SYRUP — Audrey Bowditch of Gaylord puts the floating rod into the hydrometer to measure the percentage of sap in the sap/water mixture from the tree. The extra water is boiled from the sap to make syrup and sugar. Hartwick Pines State Park Interpreter Ann Stephens scoops the mixture and puts it in the hydrometer.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

County funds appropriated to Christian Help Center

There was some concerns from a couple of county commissioners, but the Crawford County Christian Help Center will be getting some funds from the county.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted 4-2 in favor of appropriating \$1,200 for 1997 to the Christian Help Center in Grayling. Commissioners Kathy Black and John Hartman voted against the motion at the March 18 board meeting.

This motion was a renewal of the appropriation by the county board last year for the help center.

Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke said he supported the motion, because the Christian Help Center is about the only place persons who are "down on their luck" can go to receive needed food.

Black and Hartman did not dispute that the Christian Help Center is a good cause, but both had different reasons for voting against the appropriation of county funds.

There are some big budget problems, and the county can't even purchase a

copier that is needed, Black said as reasons for her dissenting opinion.

Hartman said he does not believe it is legal to appropriate the money to this cause.

"I don't think this is a way to spend tax money," Hartman said.

Commissioner Dennis Long disagreed with Hartman. This type of appropriation was researched last year and found to be legal, Long said.

In other county board action, the commissioners approved a resolution supporting the intent to create a Mental Health Authority.

The resolution states that the county board supports the intent of North Central Community Mental Health Services Board to become an authority. The board will further explore what needs to be done to accomplish this authority.

Crawford County currently participates in the North Central Community Mental Health Services Board in conjunction with Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford counties.

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Stephens said people can use other types of trees, such as Red Maples, but Sugar Maples are the best. Sugar Maple trees have the largest layer of sap wood, which is the area in the tree where the sap flows.

The water/sap mixture that comes from the tree is poured from the collecting buckets into a pan over a fire. The water/sap mixture is boiled.

The water is boiled off from the sap to make syrup or sugar. Stephens said the goal is to get the mixture to 66 percent sap for syrup, or all of the water can be boiled away for maple sugar.

The park staff members showed the groups the process of using a hydrometer to measure the sap/water mixture. The sap/water mixture is poured into a tube and a device floats

in the mixture to show the percentage of sap versus water.

One of the questions asked by a group members was whether the tapping of the trees hurt the trees. Stephens said the tapping process does not hurt the tree, because the tree "heals" the area over a period of time. The sap/water mix that is tapped from the tree is refurbished with more water from the tree's roots.

The different groups during the day also were shown a video to better teach the syrup and sugar making process. The film was called "The Maple Sugar Farmer."

The old man in the film, Sherman Graff, described the method in one brief statement, "You get all your tools, tap the tree, and nature takes its course."

Road concerns discussed by county board

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private sector or The Road Commission For Crawford County to have specific roads brined any number of times on a cost per mile basis," Briney said.

Briney pointed out that two brine wells have been upgraded by the road commission and these costs are being recovered over a five-year period. The road commission meets or exceeds Department of Environmental Quality requirements, Briney said.

The road commission also is selling one of its two brine trucks. "We will

provide more efficient service with one truck, due to improved communication and scheduling," Briney said.

The managing director of the road commission said that all six of the township supervisors have been presented with a set of options for dust control, along with information about costs.

The townships will decide how many times, which roads and which service will do the brining in this method, Briney said.

Will campground open at former Pine Knoll site?

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McConnell said it simplifies the situation to have the two leases run together.

The resolution will be taken by

McConnell to the military board meeting in June for their action. Hanson Hills is a military owned piece of property.

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

That old gunny sack brought back some fond memories for it contained a number of wooden duck decoys. About half were manufactured in a factory or at least by some kind of duplicating machine or lathe. The remainder of the decoys had been made by my father, probably before I was old enough to hunt. I recall those decoys scattered in front of various blinds while I waited for them to do their intended purpose. Some of those occasions were in the company of my father, but there were other times when I put a half dozen decoys in my coat and headed off for one of the ponds not far from home.

One of the decoys has a fair amount of shot embedded in it, a reminder of another hunter who mistook the decoys for the real thing. I'm not sure who was more surprised, my father or the other hunter. The intended use of the decoys my father made was not much different than that intended for the decoys made by Native Americans as far back as A.D. 1000. To be sure, the other equipment used for hunting was much different, but the decoys of 3,000 years ago would work just fine today.

I am not sure what kind of wood my father used, but it was probably pine, or at least what was readily available. One example of a very early decoy is made of bulrushes that were woven, twisted and tied into a birdlike shape with some actual feathers used to simulate the wings. Natural dyes were utilized to color the rest of the decoy in appropriate duck fashion. Other decoys were made by mounting stuffed skins and the heads of actual birds into lifelike poses.

The history of the decoy is unique to North America according to one author. East or west there is nothing which suggests the popular use of the decoy anywhere else in the world. The evidence indicates that the decoy was not adopted as a hunting tool in Europe. For example the English used very elaborate mazes of ponds, funnels, nets, traps and cages. Hunting was limited to the landed gentry. For the commoner, hunting was much restricted and poaching was severely punished.

The decoys in the old gunny sack were carved and painted (more or less) to resemble what we called French

ducks (mallards). Decoys, however, represented nearly every species of wildfowl that migrated up and down this hemisphere. Decoys were made to represent herons, plovers, sandpipers, curlews, yellowlegs, turnstones, willets, stilts, geese, grebes, swans, snipe, crows, pigeons, owls, bitterns and of course ducks. Decoys can be extremely stylized, or primitive simple blocks, while some are downright natural looking. Some were carved with definite care, others were roughed out of pieces of driftwood or whatever material was handy. The decoys in the gunny sack are not fancy, but they satisfied a need. They are an example of a philosophy that still plays a part in my everyday life, make it, make do, or do without.

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BASEBALL TIME — Eric Hunter, 12, gets ready to fire a throw during the Little League tryouts at the Grayling High School gym. The tryouts were held to give coaches a chance to see the kids play a little bit before the draft. The draft is scheduled for April 20, and late Little League sign-ups will be taken up to that point. Late registration fees are \$35 per player and/or \$60 per family, and will be accepted at Sylvesters.

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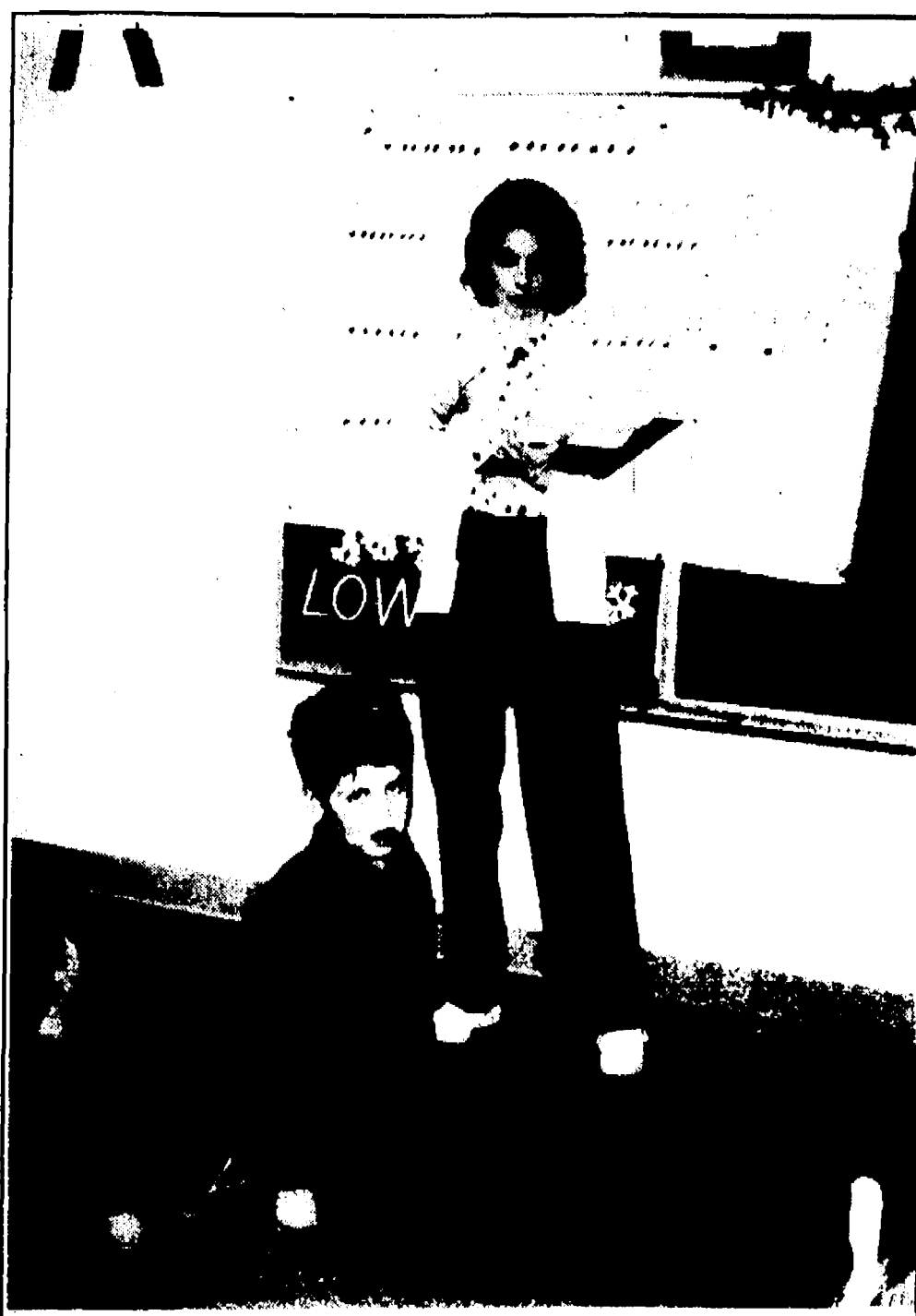
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NEW APS MUSIC TEACHER — Kathy Vergith works with young students in the AuSable Primary School's new music room. (Nancy Lemmen Photo)

Primary school has a new music teacher

By Nancy Lemmen

AuSable Primary School has a new music teacher this year — Kathy Vergith.

Vergith, who has a bachelor of science degree in music education from Clarion University in Clarion, Penn., and a master of music degree in music education and supervision from Central Michigan University (CMU) in Mount Pleasant, joined the primary school's faculty last fall.

Before coming to Grayling, Vergith was a graduate teaching assistant at CMU, taught piano to students of all ages and was a substitute teacher in several school districts in Pennsylvania.

She said she accepted the primary school position because the Crawford AuSable School District offered her the opportunity to teach and interact with young students in a community that values music education.

In her new position, Vergith said she hopes to continue the high quality of music education already established in the elementary program.

"I'm excited to be here and look forward to the challenges of change," she said.

Barbara Mick is the principal of AuSable Primary, where Vergith teaches.

"Kathy Vergith comes to us with an extensive musical background," said Mick. "Her special skills enable her to bring music alive for her students, preparing them with a good foundation of a wide variety of skills. We're delighted that she joined our staff."

AuSable Primary teacher Karen Rauch-Smock served on the interview committee.

"In her own quiet way, (Kathy) encourages children to reach their fullest music potential," said Rauch-Smock.

In her leisure time, Vergith enjoys biking, meeting new people and playing the pipe organ.

She took over for Diane Lange, who is pursuing doctoral studies at Michigan State University.

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ENGAGEMENT — Melanie Rena Ojala of Traverse City and Paul Loren Starr of Dryden are engaged to be wed. Melanie is the daughter of Clarence and Mary Ojala of Grayling. She graduated from Lake Superior State University, and is now employed at Nielson Services Limited Partnership in Traverse City. Paul is the son of Paul and Gail Starr of Dryden. He attended the University of Michigan, and is now employed at Dryden Excavating, Inc. in Dryden. A May wedding is planned in Oxford.

Floor plan unveiled for Grayling sportsplex

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The initial preliminary floor plan was unveiled at the Wednesday, March 19, meeting of the sportsplex steering committee. Since the floor plan and details have not been finalized, the preliminary drawing will go through many changes before it is ready for public display.

The Grayling city manager also was on hand to discuss the possibility and details concerning the hook up of city water and city sewer to the sportsplex site.

The preferred site being suggested by the steering committee is the county property located at the corner of Qld-27 and M-93 in Grayling Township. This is the property located next to the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

The sportsplex is being designed to have an ice rink, all-purpose gymnasium, a recreation swimming pool, a wading pool, a conference room and a walking track. Other possibilities include a weight room, pro shop, day care center and racquet ball courts.

David Riebschleger and Paul King, architects from Houghton Lake, were on hand at Wednesday's gathering to present the initial drawing and to describe specific aspects. It is understood that changes can and most likely will occur to fit the committee's estimated budget and ideas.

"There will be a number of changes down the road," Riebschleger said.

From the drawing, the proposed building will take up more than two acres itself. Officials said the

committee will need to secure at least 10 acres of land for the project for a parking lot and possible future expansion.

City water and city sewer do not run out to the proposed sportsplex site. Because of the swimming pool in the proposed facility, the city services are one possibility to handle it. The other possibility is for the sportsplex to have its own water system and suppression system.

Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford said he estimates that the cost of running city water and sewer out to the site would be about \$300,000 per mile. The committee would be looking at approximately \$650,000 for both city services, Morford said.

This issue also depends on whether the city has the capacity to handle such a service to the recreation complex and whether the city wants to extend service that far, Morford said.

From the city figures and the initial drawing, Riebschleger said he estimates the project would cost about \$6.5 million at this point.

The steering committee members will be looking to finalize the cost of the project for what will be included, and to come up with the county-wide millage which will be needed to build and operate the facility.

The committee continues to talk with different officials about specifics of the project. Bud Morgan, one of the committee organizers, scheduled a meeting with State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) about the proposed facility.

Yearbooks can be picked up

The Grayling High School 1996 SAGA Yearbook is available for pick up. Members of the Class of 1996 and anyone else from outside the school can pick up their yearbooks before school starts at 8:15 a.m. or after the school day ends at 2:52 p.m. in Room 13 at GHS.

There are a few extra copies available at \$35 for people who do not have reserved copies waiting for them.

There are also extra SAGA yearbooks from some previous years. Call SAGA Adviser Nancy Lemmen at 348-7641, ext. 116, to see if a certain year's book is still available or to purchase an old copy.

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Easter Sunday: Worship Service, 10:30 am.

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday: 7 pm.
Good Friday: 7 pm.
Easter Sunday: Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion, 8 am.; Breakfast, 9 am.; Easter Festival Communion Service, 10:30 am.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

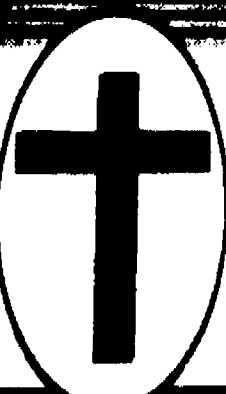
Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm.
Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passage, 1 pm;
Stations of the Cross Service, 6:30 pm.
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass, 8 pm.
Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord Mass, 9 am.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

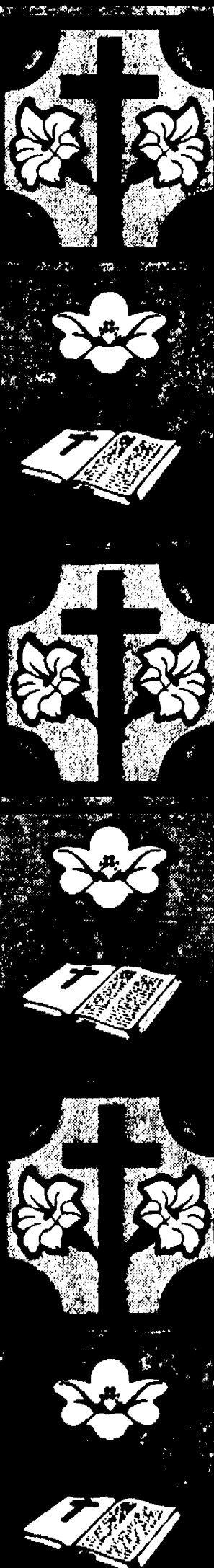
Maundy Thursday: Communion, 7 pm.
Good Friday: Ecumenical Service, 12 noon - 1:30 pm.
Easter Sunday: Services, 8:30 and 11 am,
Easter Breakfast, 9:45 am.

Grayling Assembly of God

Good Friday: 12 noon.
Easter Sunday: Resurrection Celebration, 10 am.



Have A Safe
And Joyous
Easter Holiday





NEW SERVICE — Top O' Michigan Propane General Manager Jeff Smith (at left) and Top O' Michigan Marketing Manager Pat Anzell hold the logo for the new propane company that will begin making deliveries in May to residents throughout northern Michigan.

Top O' Michigan now sells electricity and propane

Top O' Michigan Electric Company now provides both electricity and propane to residents of 12 northwestern Michigan counties.

The rural electric cooperative has entered into a joint venture with Reed City Energy to form a new subsidiary called Top O' Michigan Propane.

Top O' Michigan Propane will serve residents in Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego, Antrim, Crawford and Kalamazoo counties, as well as parts of neighboring Cheboygan, Montcalm, Oscoda, Missaukee, Wexford and Grand Traverse counties. Residents who are not Top O' Michigan Electric customers can also buy their propane from the new company.

Reed City Energy was created last fall in another joint undertaking involving O & A Electric Cooperative of Newago and Fremont-based Smith's Propane.

Jeff Smith of Smith's Propane brings his 25 years of experience in the business to his new role as general manager of Top O' Michigan Propane. He is also general manager of Reed City Energy.

Official request made for retrieval of Grayling nuclear submarine items

Members of the organizations in Grayling and Crawford County have put in an official request of memorabilia from the commissioned US Navy submarine, the USS Grayling.

Art Thayer, a Grayling resident and United States Navy Retired, has lead a group of area officials in the attempt to receive items from the Grayling nuclear submarine for display in the city that shares the sub's name.

The USS Grayling (SSN-646) was not named for the city, but both the city and sub were named for fish (Grayling) which was very prominent in the AuSable River.

The USS Grayling was adopted by the city when it was launched at Portsmouth, NH on June 22, 1967. Thayer was the official representative of the city at the launching and, with Grayling Mayor Robert Golnick, attended the Dec. 10, 1996 decommissioning.

USS Grayling Memorabilia Acquisition Council Chairman Thayer stated in a letter to the Navy Historical Center that the council is very interested in acquiring some articles from the USS Grayling for display in the City of Grayling.

The acquisition council is composed of official representatives of the Crawford County Historical Museum; City of Grayling; Crawford County; Grayling Post 106, American Legion; Carl Borchers Post 3736, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Midstate Chapter 135,

Disabled American Veterans; Grayling Post 90, American Veterans; and Camp Grayling.

Thayer said he was directed by a member of the Navy Department to request the items in writing. The items from the sub that are on the wish list will be given on a first-requested basis. There are a number of other specifics that have to be handled before memorabilia will be given, which is the reason the acquisition council was formed.

The items requested by the acquisition council include the anchor, propeller, ship's bell, ship's pennant, ship's sign board, identification plaque, one or two table place settings, and anything with the name USS Grayling on it.

The council would need to hold some type of fundraiser to pay for the shipping cost of these items if the request is granted by the Navy.

The largest item requested for display in Grayling, the anchor, had not been requested by another group when Thayer talked with a Navy Department official two weeks ago.

Thayer also pointed out in his letter to the Navy Historical Center the current military items already on display in Grayling. He stated that an item, such as the anchor, would make a great addition to the display by the American Legion building in Grayling. The display currently consists of an Air Force T-33 plan and an Army tank, howitzer and missile.

Easter alert: don't feed chocolate to your dog

It's tempting to feed pets a treat during holiday celebrations, but it isn't a good idea to feed your dog chocolate.

According to state veterinarian Dr. Michael Chaddock, a compound in chocolate, called theobromine, can cause poisoning in dogs. Dogs can also become ill from caffeine, which is found in chocolate.

Theobromine poisoning can cause vomiting, diarrhea, urinary incontinence, hyperactivity, occasional depression, heart irregularities, muscle tremors, seizures and coma. The National Animal Poison Control Central (NAPCC) has reported a number of deaths in dogs due to chocolate ingestion. Reports of theobromine poisoning in cats are rare. Veterinarians speculate this is due to the markedly different eating habits of felines.

Caffeine poisoning can cause similar symptoms in dogs, though there are no known reports of deaths in dogs ingesting foods containing caffeine.

Chaddock said if dog owners suspect their animals have ingested chocolate and appear to be exhibiting any of the clinical signs of toxicity, immediate veterinary care should be found. While there is no specific antidote for theobromine poisoning, veterinarians can help maintain the animal's life support, prevent further absorption of theobromine, hasten its elimination from the body and provide symptomatic treatment for seizures, breathing difficulties and potentially life-threatening heart irregularities.

Chaddock said as a general rule, candy should be kept away from household pets. If owners want to give them something special, they should opt for the treats produced by pet food manufacturers.

Persons seeking specific information can contact Dr. Nancy Frank, Michigan Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry Division, at 517-373-1077.

Forensics members have a good showing

Six Grayling High School forensics team members placed at the Traverse City St. Francis Invitational on March 13.

Freshman Brandi McClain took first place in Extemporaneous Speaking; sophomore Brie Blauw, second place in Broadcasting; sophomore Josh Mueller, third place, Informative Speaking 9-10; junior Mark Gingerick, fourth place, Sales Speaking; sophomore April Gosling, fifth place, Poetry Interpretation; and freshman Brandi Lewis, 5th place, Poetry Interpretation.

Also competing for GHS were: freshman Heather Hatfield, freshman Sarah Carmean, sophomore Heidie Wallace, freshman Amie Price, freshman Kane Madsen, freshman Kim Mallory, junior Ben Mallory, freshman Amanda Fortino, freshman Danielle McClanahan, freshman Nate Hinkle, freshman David Hawkins and sophomore Crystal Pilon.

Coach for the team is Robin Pawley, who teaches forensics, debate and freshman language arts at GHS.

Marti Gosling, Angie Thompson and Jack Pilon accompanied the team to work as judges.

Items recovered from South Branch B&Es

Officers from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on March 20 in South Branch Township.

The officers recovered items stolen in two breaking and enterings in South Branch Township.

Items recovered area valued at approximately \$1,000. Arrest warrants area being sought for two adults and three juveniles.

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Red PINE	2-0	5-10"	\$148	\$ 88	\$ 26	\$ 16	\$ 10	NA		
Red PINE	2-1	6-12"	\$328	\$196	\$ 59	\$ 35	\$ 21	\$ 10		
White PINE	2-0	6-12"	\$ 69	\$101	\$ 30	\$ 18	\$ 11	NA		
White PINE	2-1	12"+	\$312	\$187	\$ 56	\$ 33	\$ 20	\$ 10		
Blue SPRUCE	2-0	8"+	\$164	\$ 98	\$ 29	\$ 18	\$ 10	NA		
Blue SPRUCE	2-1	12"+	\$312	\$187	\$ 56	\$ 33	\$ 20	\$ 10		
Norway SPRUCE	2-0	8"+	\$164	\$ 98	\$ 29	\$ 18	\$ 10	NA		
Norway SPRUCE	2-1	12"+	\$312	\$187	\$ 56	\$ 33	\$ 20	\$ 10		
White SPRUCE	2-0	8"+	\$164	\$ 96	\$ 29	\$ 18	\$ 10	NA		
White SPRUCE	2-1	12"+	\$312	\$187	\$ 56	\$ 33	\$ 20	\$ 10		
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White BIRCH	1-0	12"+	\$ *	\$ *	\$ 33	\$ 20	\$ 14	\$ 10		
American CHESTNUT	24-36"			(Includes shelters)				\$12/pr.		pr.
Red MAPLE	1-0	8" +	\$ *	\$ *	\$ 45	\$ 27	\$ 16	\$ 10		
Sugar MAPLE	1-0	8" +	\$ *	\$ *	\$ 54	\$ 32	\$ 20	\$ 10		
Red OAK	2-0	10"+	\$ *	\$ *	\$ 49	\$ 29	\$ 18	\$ 10		
White OAK	2-0	10"+	\$ *	\$ *	\$ 54	\$ 32	\$ 20	\$ 10		
Hybrid POPLAR	1-0	14"+	\$302	\$181	\$ 54	\$ 32	\$ 20	\$ 10		
Black Walnut	2-0	24" +	\$ *	\$ *	\$ 51	\$ 30	\$ 18	\$ 10		
WILDLIFE SHRUBS										
Autumn Olive	2-0	18"+	\$150	\$ 90	\$ 27	\$ 17	\$ 13	\$ 10		
Serviceberry	1-0	12"+	\$ *	\$ *	\$ 63	\$ 38	\$ 22	\$ 10		
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Highbush CRANBERRY	12"+		\$ *	\$ *	\$ 47	\$ 27	\$ 17	\$ 10		
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: *True friendship is like good health, the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.*

Nova Anderson has been chosen as the new director of the Commission on Aging. She has been with the Commission for nine years in various capacities and has come to know a great many of the seniors of Crawford County. Stop in and wish her well for the future.

The COA Board and staff would like to wish all of you a very happy Easter and a reminder that the Center will be closed on Good Friday.

Please call for an appointment if you need help with your taxes, heating credit, prescription credit, etc. Help will be here every Tuesday and Friday from 9 to 3. (517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500)

Join us for meals: We serve at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday, soup served on Monday and Wednesday, and bread, juice and milk

offered each meal. The cost is \$1.50 donation for seniors, and \$3 charge for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, need help or just for fun. (308 Lawndale — 348-7123 or toll free 1-888-355-4500) Remember, if your life isn't becoming to you ... you should be coming to us!

Lunch/Dinner

March
26—Pot Roast/Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
27—Oven Pork/Liver and Onions
28—Good Friday, Center is closed — Happy Easter
31—Beef Stew/Tuna and Noodles
April
1—Country Pork/Hot Dogs with Macaroni and Cheese
2—Beef Tips and Noodles/Parmesan Chicken
3—Pot Roast/Liver and Onions
4—Sweet and Sour Pork/no dinner

OBITUARIES

Linda West

Linda L. West, 53, of Grayling, died at her residence on March 19, 1997. She was born in Ann Arbor on April 3, 1943, to Leland and Loeta (Spindler) Graves.

Mrs. West married her husband, Michael D. West, on Feb. 3, 1968, in Ypsilanti. They moved to Grayling from Ypsilanti in 1992. She was employed as a Registered Nurse at Mercy Manor in Grayling, and was formerly employed at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Mrs. West was preceded in death by her father, Leland Graves.

Surviving are her husband, Michael D. West of Grayling; mother, Loeta Graves of Grayling; sisters, Carol LaBelle of Phoenix, Arizona, Jackie Cass of Grayling, and Jennifer Hernandez of Phoenix, Arizona; nephew, Michael Todd Sullings of Austin, Texas; and many other nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. Reverend Robert W. Nalley officiated. Burial was in Arborcrest Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, in Grayling.

Melva Burkett

Melva E. Burkett, 52, of Grayling, died Saturday, March 22, 1997, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She was born in Lampasas, Texas, on March 18, 1945.

Mrs. Burkett moved back to Grayling about one year ago from Florida. She was employed as a cake decorator in the bakery department at Glen's Market in Grayling, and previously at Publix Supermarket in Florida. Mrs. Burkett was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her father, William R. Thomo.

Surviving are her husband, Larry J. Burkett of Grayling; daughters, Katherine Elaine Ruble of Frederic and Julie Ann Adair of Garland, Texas; son, Gary Lee and wife Denise Ann Ruble of Auburn Hills; granddaughter, Sasha Lynn Durnen of Grayling; mother, Millie L. Lemaster and husband, Lester; sisters, Sandra Curtis of Pontiac, Sharon Kochan of Pontiac, Edna Dalton of Grayling, Gail Bishop of Pontiac; brothers, Joe Lemaster of Grayling and Hal Lemaster of Bend, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, in Kingdom Hall in Grayling. Pastor Robert Kirm will be officiating.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

James Adams

James E. Adams, 52, of Grayling, died at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on March 22, 1997.

He was born on June 9, 1944, served in the U.S. Army, and was married to the former Linda D. Weaver on Sept. 1, 1979, in Grayling. They moved to Grayling 11 years ago from Gaylord.

Mr. Adams was employed in several different occupations, including self-employed photography at Kirtland Community College, and driving a tandem truck transport. He received his bachelor's degree in music from the University of California in Los Angeles. Mr. Adams was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church and played the guitar there for services.

He is survived by his wife; son, Daniel Bertalan of Grayling; daughters, Michelle Adams of San Diego, Calif., Tiffany Davis of Bradenton, Fla., Shannon Adams of Bradenton, Fla., and Tara Bertalan of Lansing; grandchildren, Cody, Chelsea, Bradley, and Daniel; mother, Faye and husband Bill Hodgman of Alabama; father, Gene and wife Diane Adams of Florida; sister, Heather Detroyer; and brothers Walter Adams and Thomas Adams.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling. Officiating clergy were the Rev. R. P. Henley, Vicar; the Rev. Derik Roy; and the Rev. Jacqueline Guernsey. Burial was on Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

The family suggests memorials to St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling.

Card of thanks

To Air Way Automation, Monty and Janice Bidwell, and Mercy Hospital for your donations, and providing me with the support to participate in the Michigan Junior Miss Program.

Kate Brunskill

Card of thanks

The Grayling Middle School Physical Education Staff and Students would like to thank Larkin Baker and Legion Lanes. Because of their generosity we were able to use their facilities and bowl every Wednesday for eight weeks. Many students were able to experience this lifetime sport for the first time. Others improved their bowling techniques. We would also like to acknowledge the patience of our bowling coach, mechanic, and friend, Dale.

Thanks again.

GMS Physical Education Department

Mary Hunt

Mary M. (Curley) Hunt, 90, a summer Lake Margarethe resident known in Grayling as Grandma Hunt, of the former Grandma Hunt Pig Roast, died Sunday, March 23, 1997, in West Bloomfield Care Center of West Bloomfield.

She was born June 4, 1906, in Quyon, Quebec, to Margaret Sammon and John Curley. She married Thomas J. Hunt on Sept. 10, 1930, in Blessed Sacrament Church of Detroit; he died Sept. 19, 1957.

Mrs. Hunt was the bookkeeper for B'Wana Don's Pet Center in Ferndale for 25 years, retiring in 1991. She was active in the Rosary Altar Society and the League of Catholic Women.

Survivors include two daughters, Maureen and husband James Rentz and Diane and husband Joseph Carpenter, both of Ferndale; five sons, Donald D. and wife Iris of Nanyuki, Kenya, Africa, Thomas J. and wife Janice of Bloomfield Hills, Brian R. and wife Jean of Bloomfield Hills, Michael J. "Mickey" of Roanoke, Texas, and Patrick J. of Ferndale; a sister, Beatrice Ryan of Southfield; 17 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 25, from 7-9 and Wednesday, March 26, from 2-5 and 7-9 at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Home. In-state viewing will be held at St. James Church, Pearson and Woodward Avenue, in Ferndale, on Thursday, March 27, from 9 a.m. until funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

The family suggest memorial contributions be directed to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1670 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, 48207; Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29757 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, 48334; or the Kiwanis Club of Ferndale, 222 East Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, 48220.

Florence Downard

Florence M. Downard, 77, of Coopersville, died Saturday, March 22, 1997 at a nursing home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil, in 1973, and grandchildren Rick and Alida Thompson.

Surviving are Thomas and Mary Stephens of Manton, Sylvia and Jerry Berg, Sr., of Coopersville. Also grandchildren, Scott and Mary Stephens of Calif., Andrea and Craig Longstreet of Manton, Eric Stephens of Calif., Christopher Berg of Coopersville, Mark Berg, Sr. and Bernadette of Muskegon, Jerry Berg, Jr., and Wendy of Muskegon, and 12 great-grandchildren.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date at the Throop Funeral Home in Coopersville. Interment will be in Grayling.

Card of thanks

The family of Bill Kucharek would like to express our gratitude for all the kindness extended to us during the loss of our loved one. We thank all of our friends and family who sent cards, telephoned, provided food and comforted us at the funeral home and during the service.

A special thank you to the EMS Personnel and the Mercy Hospital Emergency Room Staff. Most of all to Pastor Terry Colby, his wife Anne, and the members of the Grayling Baptist Church, without whom we would have been lost.

Card of thanks

Thank you to the town of Grayling for your support and the warm reception shown towards my son Eddie Davis winning the state wrestling championship.

Dan Canfield

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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, March 27, 1997

'Our Town' presented by high school players

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Our Town, a play about life in a small New England town, was presented by the Grayling High School Players on March 20-22.

The play, written by Thornton Wilder, spans a little more than a decade (1900-1913) in the lives of residents of Grovers Corners, New Hampshire.

Our Town was presented in three acts. The first act concerned one day in the life of Grovers Corners. The second act concerned marriage and family. The third act covered death.

Great performances were given by the following (in order of appearance): Mary Bobenmoyer (stage manager), Brie Blaauw (Mrs. Gibbs), Christina Kenney (Mrs. Webb), Ben Mallory (Mr. Gibbs).

Jenny French (Hollie Newsome), Joe Medeiros (Joe/Si Cronwell), Evan Glicker (George Gibbs), Kristin Kearney (Emily Webb), Colby Davis (Rebecca Gibbs), Jason Glicker (Wally Webb).

Crystal Pilon (Professor Willard), Jared Armstrong (Mr. Webb), Krista Lemke (Lady in Balcony), Jenny Balmes (belligerent person), Heidi Wallace (woman in box and woman

with dead), Rob Lawe (Simon Stimson).

Krista Lemke (Mrs. Soames), Colin Hunter (Constable Warren), Ryan Gaffke (Joe Stoddard), Simon Jahnichen (Sam Craig), Jenny Balmes (person among dead) and Tristan Williams (Mr. Carter).

The set people on stage were Jenny Balmes, Gretchen Goeckerman, James Jones and Tristan Williams.

The production staff included the following: David Glicker (director), Jodie Gay (assistant director).

Lighting and sound: Mike Bobenmoyer, Andy Radzwion and Ravi Ramaswamy.

Costumes: Krystan Bazzett, Bonnie French and Marti Gosling.

Advertising and programs: Christina Kenney, and

Make-up: Dan Choszyzyk, April Gosling and Debbie Stevens.

The Grayling High School select choir was also heard. The choir is the following: Kate Fritz, Ryan Gaffke, Cliff Hadley, Joe Hughes, Kelly Kiefer, Pat Lamie, Anthony Renon, Gretchen Ross, Heather Ross, Tiffany Ruark, Debbie Schreiner, Erin Scott and Meredith Voelker.

Sound effects were provided by Gannon Broadcasting Corporation.



CAST OF "OUR TOWN" -- The cast (including production) of the Grayling High School Players production of "Our Town" is Mary Bobenmoyer, Brie Blaauw, Christina Kenney, Ben Mallory, Jenny French, Joe Medeiros, Evan Glicker, Kristin Kearney, Colby Davis, Jason Glicker, Crystal Pilon, Jared Armstrong, Krista Lemke, Jenny Balmes, Heidi Wallace, Rob Lawe, Colin Hunter, Ryan Gaffke, Simon Jahnichen, Tristan Williams, Gretchen Goeckerman, James Jones, Mike Bobenmoyer, Andy Radzwion, Ravi Ramaswamy, Krystan Bazzett, Bonnie French, Marti Gosling, Dan Choszyzyk, April Gosling and Debbie Stevens. The play was directed by David Glicker. The assistant director was Jodie Gay. "Our Town" was performed at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, March 20-22. The Grayling High School Select Choir (Kate Fritz, Ryan Gaffke, Cliff Hadley, Joe Hughes, Kelly Kiefer, Pat Lamie, Anthony Renon, Gretchen Ross, Heather Ross, Tiffany Ruark, Debbie Schreiner, Erin Scott and Meredith Voelker) also assisted in the performance. The choir is directed by Karen Ross and accompanied by Debbie Schreiner. "Our Town" was written by Thornton Wilder about Grovers Corners, a small town in New Hampshire at the turn-of-the-century.



AS DAWN BREAKS -- Si Crowell, the paper boy, and Hollie Newsome, who delivered dairy products, stop to talk as the sun comes up on a new day in Grover's Corners. Si was played by Joe Medeiros while Hollie was played by Jenny French.

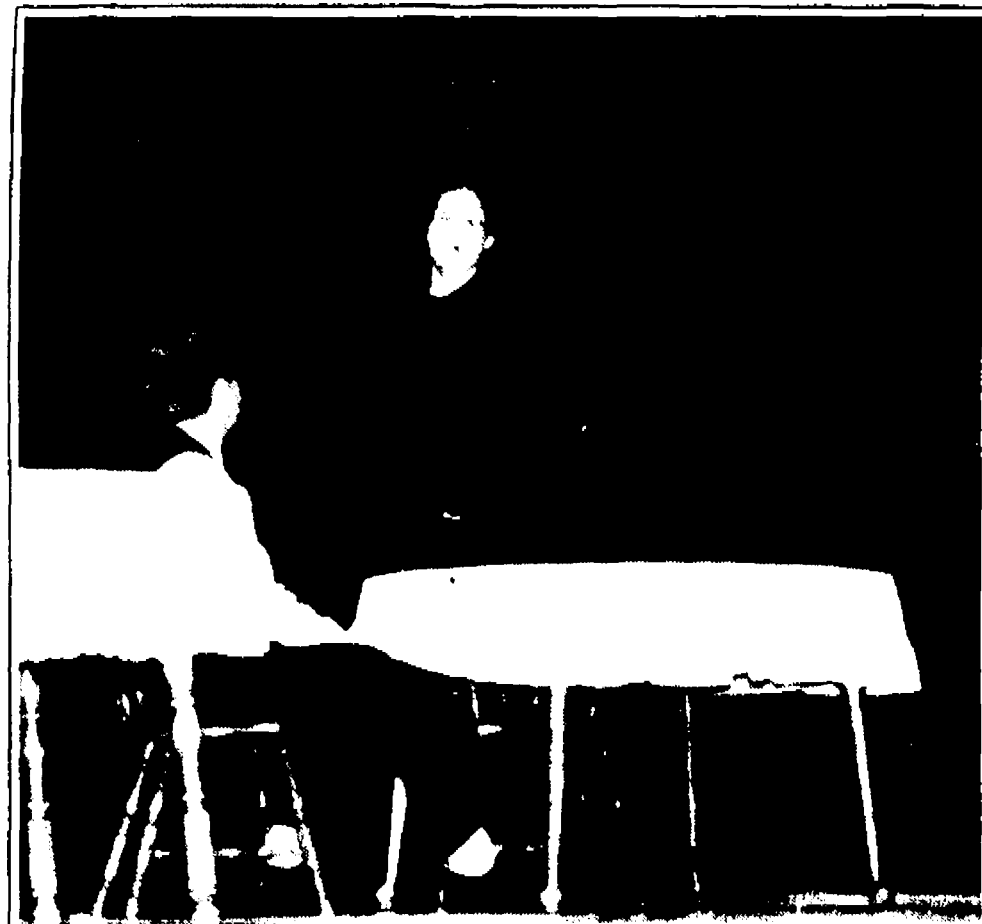
Photos by Lisa Hofman



WALKING DOWN THE AISLE -- Emily and Mr. Webb walk down the aisle as Rebecca Gibbs holds the train. Emily was getting married to George Gibbs. The "Our Town" characters were played by Kristin Kearney, Jared Armstrong and Colby Davis.



CONDUCTING DRUNK -- Simon Stimson, the drunk choir conductor, was played by Rob Lawe in the Grayling High School production of "Our Town".



FRANK DISCUSSION -- Mrs. Gibbs (Brie Blaauw) and Mr. Gibbs (Ben Mallory) have a frank discussion about their children. Mrs. Gibbs had just returned from choir practice in Grovers Corners.



EATING BREAKFAST -- In Act One of "Our Town" (from left) Emily Webb (Kristin Kearney), Mrs. Webb (Christina Kenney), Wally Webb (Jason Glicker), Mrs. Gibbs (Brie Blaauw), Rebecca Gibbs (Colby Davis) and George Gibbs (Evan Glicker) eat breakfast before the children run off for school.



FALLING IN LOVE -- George Gibbs and Emily Webb, played by Evan Glicker and Kristin Kearney, respectively, profess their love for each other in "Our Town". The play was put on by the Grayling High School Players.



NERVOUS EXCITEMENT -- Mr. Webb (Jared Armstrong, left) discusses the upcoming marriage of his daughter to an extremely nervous bridegroom, George Gibbs (Evan Glicker) in the second act of "Our Town".

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FREDERIC

Reading month enjoyed at Frederic Elementary

Reading Month was enjoyed by the kindergarten through fifth grade students and faculty at Frederic Elementary School throughout the month of March.

The festivities were kicked-off with an assembly that featured storyteller Patty Clark, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and a performance by Kate Brunskill.

Throughout the month community leaders took part in reading to the Frederic students. A reader was scheduled for everyday throughout the month.

Another program planned for the month was the Scholastic Book Fair.

"This (reading month) program has

been going on for the seven years I've been here," said Frederic Elementary School Principal Pat Nunn. "But, it was going on even before that."

"I believe we are seeing more kids reading because of this program," Nunn continued.

To motivate the students in years past Nunn agreed to spend an entire day on the roof. When the students achieved that goal he motivated them further by agreeing to spend one day on the roof dressed as a woman.

He further motivated students when he imitated Elvis Presley during an assembly.

"Whatever can ignite kids into doing something, we do it," Nunn said.

According to Nunn, students do not associate reading unless it is with a book.

However, many students "pick up magazines, read placemats at restaurants and look at newspapers. This is all reading," Nunn said.

To demonstrate that reading comes in many forms each morning students write and then read announcements to other students over the loudspeaker.

"Other students hide the fact that they can read because they enjoy sitting on mom or dad's lap and being read to," Nunn said. "For some reason as soon as our kids start to read we stop reading to them."

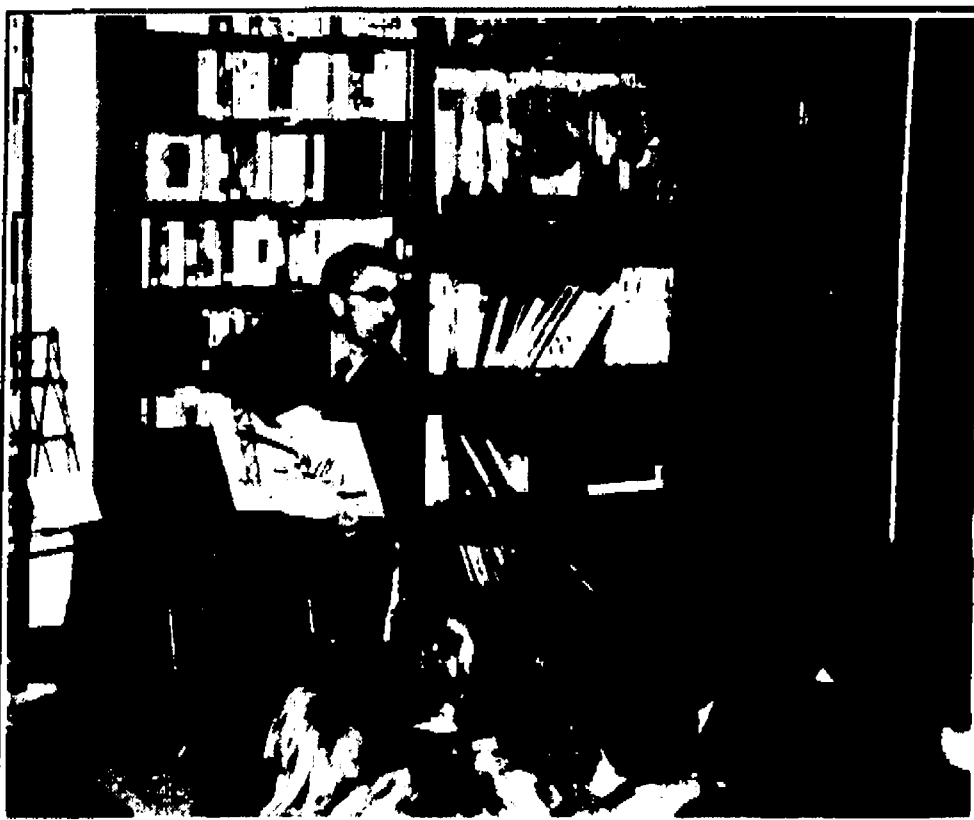
According to Nunn, parents must

continue to read to their children because children consider it a special time. For those students who like to demonstrate how they read, Nunn stated, children can read to their parents.

For students who were not read to very often as children there are numerous programs to motivate them into wanting to read.

Libraries offer storytime, primary classrooms have labels on doors, chairs and other items so children can read and identify words with everyday items.

"Many things are available to children, they just have to take advantage of it," Nunn concluded.



STORYTELLING -- Patty Clark played a variety of instruments and told many stories to students at Frederic Elementary School. She also demonstrated how to make numerous toys out of a single square of cloth. Clark took part in the opening of March Reading Month at the program on Feb. 28.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

New memorials at the Crawford County Library donated by Cornell Insurance and Real Estate include "Blood and Honor" for Ted Johnston, "Europe A History" for Earl Henry (Chum) Longworth, "Reporter's Life" for Ernest Larson, "Rotten Ralph's Rotten Romance" for Lucas Douglas Miljare, "Flight of the Reindeer" for Ella Kamppinen, "Eagle's Plume" for Stuart Holland Jr., "World of the Shorebirds" for Wesson J. Rauch, "Big Ten Century of Excellence" for Hugh L. Beaman, "Africa's Vanishing Wildlife" for Barney Engle, and "Legends of Hockey" for George Spencer.

In memory of Jim Bourrie: Dave, Cheryl, Aaron and Heather Millikin donated "Water—Natural History," "Decks, Porches and Patios," "American Heritage New History of the Civil War," "Bathrooms," and "Classic Italian Cookbook." Cornell Insurance and Real Estate donated "Flags of the World," Peter and Christine Redmond donated "Deep Atlantic," "Studs Terkel Life in Words," "Ultimate Book of Cross-sections," "Around the World Cookbook," "Angela's Ashes," "1997 Chilton Truck and Van Repair Manual," "Drawing Step-by-Step," "Dictionary of Sociology," and "Discovering Antiques."

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and Betsy Millikin donated "Hurricanes," and "This Noble Land." N. F. Bauman donated "Multicultural Plays for Children" two volumes; Cornell Insurance and Real Estate donated "Italy Eyewitness Travel Guide;" Alvin Bowman and Ingrid Lavens donated "Daisy is a Mommy," and "Snow Lambs;" Elaine VanNuck donated "Mark of the Bear," and "Great American Wolf;" Janet Rose donated "Vintage Farm Tractors," and "Photographic Tour of the Universe;" William and Lillian Martindale donated "Hannibal the Novel," and "Everyone is Entitled to My Opinion."

In memory of Henrietta Bear: Mary Jane Knibbs donated "Baking with Julia," and Cornell Insurance and Real Estate donated "Jane Fonda Cooking for Healthy Living."

In memory of Brian Southard: Don and Rae Ann Schanz donated "Military 100;" Robert and Mary Zuker donated "Wetlands the Web of Life."

Bill and Gloria Kraus donated "Preserving" for Regina Vieten-gruber, "Mexican Light" for Vi Timmeran, and "Pirates—Terror on the High Seas" for Richard Semelbauer.

In memory of Ernest Larson: Bob and Jackie Ruddy donated "On Many a Bloody Field;" Shirley Johnston and family donated "Lilly's Purple Plastic

Purse;" Grayling Lions and Lioness Clubs donated "Unlimited Access," "Weapons for Victory," "Atlas of 20th Century," and "Encyclopedia of North American Indian;" and Dale and Irene Peterson donated "Sleepy Men."

In memory of Henry Rozanski: Grayling Lions Club donated "Sole Survivor," "Now or Never," "Naked Justice," and "People of the River;" Tracie Compton donated "Airframe."

Whitey and Thelma Madsen donated "Gardening Hints and Tips" in memory of Josephine Rozenek.

Bob and Tracie Compton donated "Clinic and Charity" in memory of Almond Curtis.

Mary Jane Knibbs donated "Simple Upholstery and Slipcovers" in memory of Billy Ann Brown.

Bill and Margaret Kellogg Sr. donated "Beulah Land" in memory of Clayton Kellogg.

Chuck and Pat Snider donated "Shabby Chic," "Planters, Containers and Raised Beds," "Mushroom Book," "Discovering Antiques," and "World of the Penguin" in celebration of Phyllis Kessler's birthday.

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Nursing information session scheduled

Lake Superior State University (LSSU) will be holding an interactive information session for registered nurses who are interested in earning the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, in the Library ITV room at Kirtland Community College.

The BSN completion degree will be offered in the evenings and weekends, on a part-time basis, designed specifically for working nurses. It is designed to develop critical thinking and management skills, and expand knowledge in nursing science.

The degree is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing. Individual appointments with LSSU faculty will be available between 2:30 and 5 p.m. after the information session. For more information, call LSSU's Community Services & Development office at 1-888-800-LSSU, ext. 2802.



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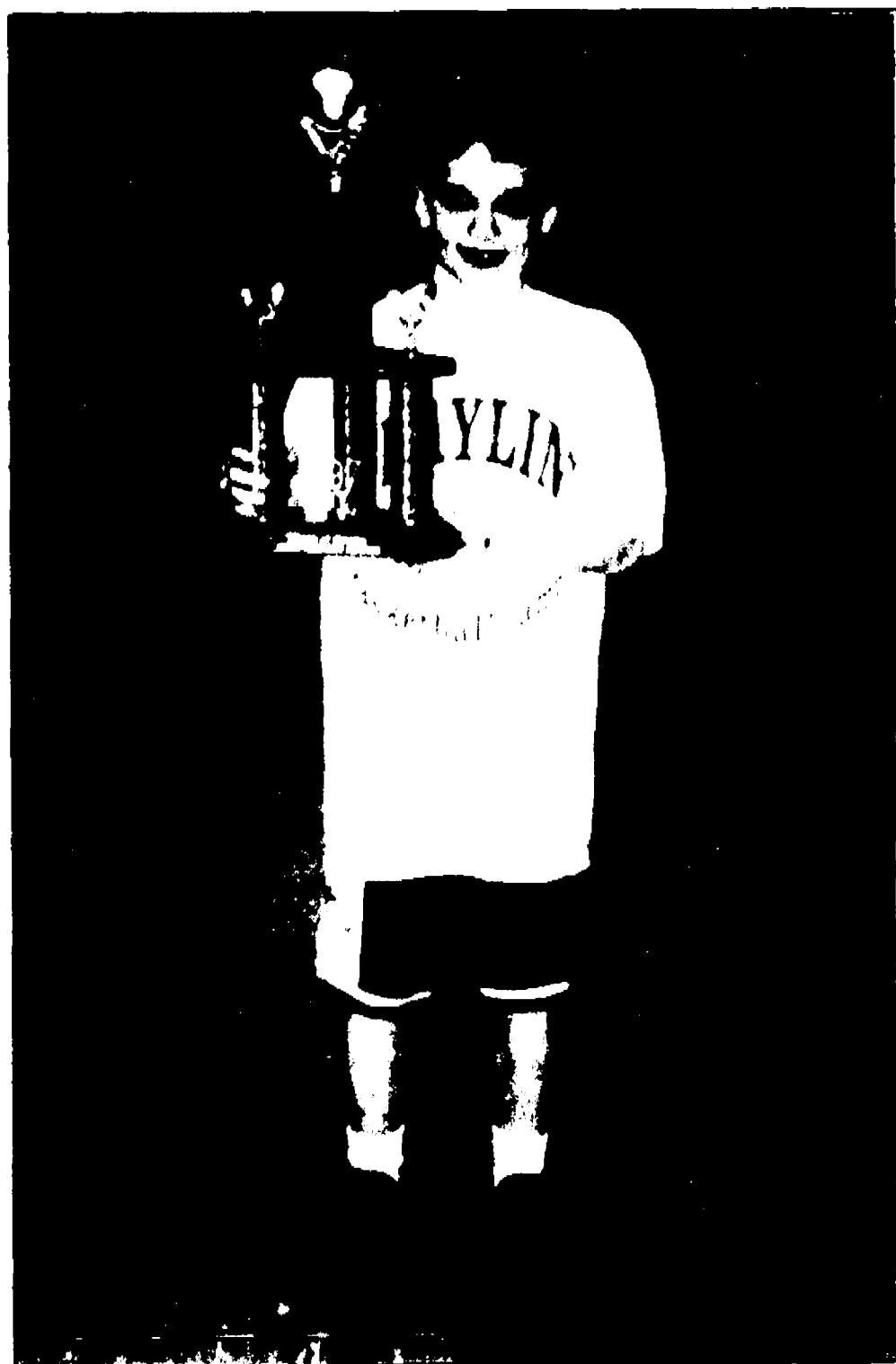
Dr. Kausar Suleman,

specializing in general internal medicine, is accepting new patients at NMHS Grayling Primary Health Care facility at 308 E. Michigan Avenue, (Keyport Clinic Building) Grayling, MI.

Dr. Suleman completed her internal medicine residency at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, N.Y. in June 1996, and is board eligible in internal medicine. She has special interests in women's health and geriatrics.

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SPORTS



STATE'S BEST — Gibson Tobin poses with his first-place trophy from the state free throw championship.

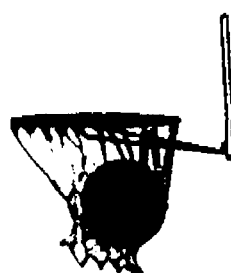
Tobin wins state free throw championship

On March 9, Gibson Tobin and Kelly Jansen competed in the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship held at St. Casimir in Lansing. Gibson garnered the first-place trophy by making 22-of-25 free throws in the 10-year-old boys division. Kelly finished fourth in the girls 12-year-old division. She made 16-of-25 free throws.

Gibson's win came in a tough decision where five out of eight boys made 20 or more free throws. His score matched the best performances of any age group.

Kelly, Gibb and Emily Henion qualified for the K of C State Free Throw Championship by winning at the Regionals held in Gaylord on Feb. 15. Due to a conflict, Emily was unable to make the trip to Lansing.

Others who competed at Regionals were Laura Gorski, Adam Kaiser, Brandon Gorr and Tabitha Harney. The Grayling Knights of Columbus congratulate these young people on their fine efforts.



REGIONAL CHAMPS — The K of C Free Throw Championship Regional winners from Grayling were, from left: Emily Henion, Gibson Tobin and Kelly Jansen.

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Grayling has first ever girls wrestling champ

by Craig Hoffman
Sports Writer

Grayling High School had not one, but two wrestling state champions from this year's wrestling team.

Marianne Vollmer, a freshman on the Grayling High School team, traveled to Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor to compete in the first ever Michigan High School Girls Wrestling State Championship.

Marianne competed in the 123-pound division and came away with the title of state champion.

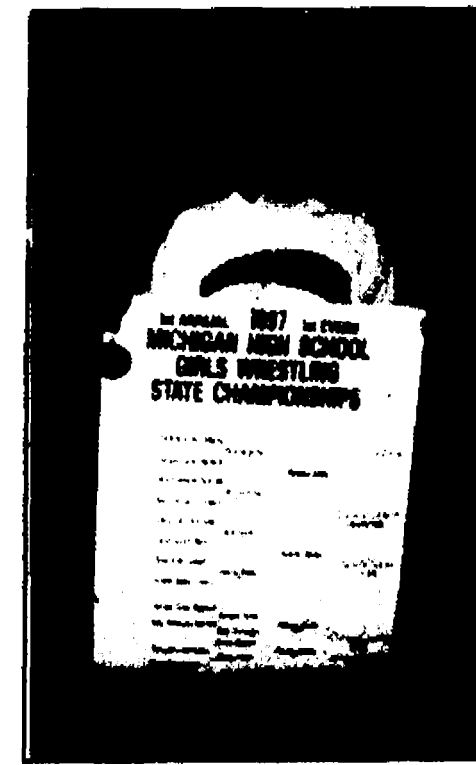
"I was happy and surprised to win. I expected to do well, maybe third or fourth, but not this well," Marianne said.

Marianne was coached at the meet by her father, Bob Vollmer, who said "the girls were all in good condition and no match was easy."

Marianne started wrestling in sixth grade and was a part of the Grayling Middle School team in seventh and eighth grade.

Marianne said she was thankful that Bill Bedford, former Grayling Middle School wrestling coach, gave her a chance to perform. She added that Don Ferguson, GHS wrestling coach, also allowed her to perform and helped her with all the different aspects of wrestling.

Marianne did not have the opportunity to wrestle much this year because she was on the junior varsity squad. However, she hopes to gain more experience in the upcoming years.

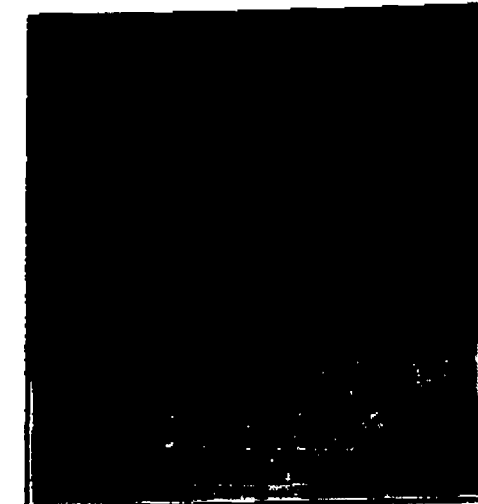


Marianne Vollmer

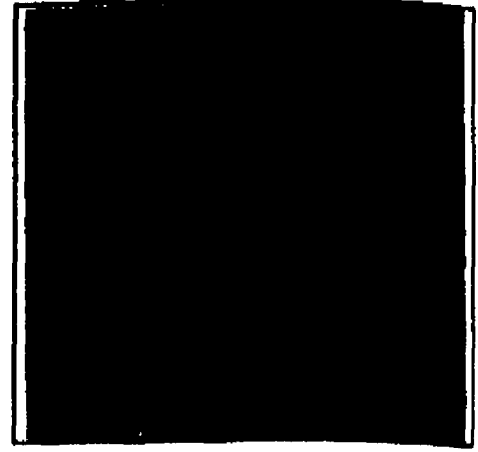
"I hope to keep winning the girls championship, but my goal is to win a boys state championship," said Marianne.

"With more conditioning and experience I will improve my record against boys competition," said Marianne.

Marianne was 3-0 against other girls this year.



Travis Hopp



Katie Olson

Ski team holds awards banquet

The ski team returned to Hanson Hills once more to discuss the season, pass out awards, and hang a regional championship plaque on the ski teams' "Wall of Fame."

Eighteen skiers received certificates and other awards.

Junior varsity award winners were Amy Mariella, Joe Hughes, Andrea Elmy, Amanda Fortino and Danielle McClannan.

Varsity letter winners were seniors Travis Hopp, Jenni Jurkovich, Jason Steele and Clark Wilcox. Sophomore varsity letter winners were Amanda Febey, Brooke Ginter, Kim Hartman, Colin Hunter, Kristin Kearney, Josh Mueller, Katie Olson and freshman Jason Boreo.

The manager awards were passed out to Matt Ginter and Cameron McClain.

The special awards for team victories were passed out for the top three on the

boys' and girls' teams. Third places went to Ginter and Jurkovich (tied), and Steele. Second places went to Hartman and Eric Thompson. First places were Olson and Hopp.

Team consistency awards were also handed out. Third places went to Ginter and Colin Hunter. Second places were given to Hartman and Hopp. The first-place honors went to Olson and tied for first for the boys were Steele and Thompson.

Olson won the award for having her time used by the team in 19 of 20 races for a 95 percent consistency rate. Steele and Thompson had their times used in 19 out of 22 races for a rate of 86 percent.

The Most Valuable awards for the ski teams went to Olson and Hopp. Olson and Hopp each finished with the best time on their respective teams in 15 of the races throughout the season.

Grayling High School powerlifters live up to motto

by Craig Hoffman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School powerlifting team traveled to Farwell High School on Saturday, March 22 and came home with a first place overall.

"The team had a lot of confidence and they are starting to expect to win and do well at each meet," said coach Rodney Patterson.

"The kids are really self-motivated and encourage each other," Patterson said.

"The powerlifting team's motto is 'We lift we win. You don't, we won't.' They show that everyone is putting in their time and by their improvement you can see everyone is working hard," Patterson said.

Tasha Carlisle came in first place and beat every girl in the competition.

Jimmy Hannum, Tony Reimer and Jesse Hannum in Junior Varsity 114, Junior Varsity 132 and Varsity 132 weight classes, respectively, showed the real spirit of the powerlifting team.

All three needed to beat their personal bests in the dead lift to guarantee themselves first place. With encouragement from their teammates and fans, each was successful.

Jimmy Hannum lifted 30 pounds over his personal best when he lifted 305 pounds.

Shane Colby placed third in the Junior Varsity 181 pound division and came in first for the bench press. He received his first medal.

Joe Collen came in third in the Varsity 181 pound division and lifted over 400 pounds in the deadlift.

Kris Holborn placed fourth in a very tough weight class. He broke two of his personal bests.

The Vikings came in first out of 13 teams and showed team work and individual accomplishments.

"As a coach you get excited to see the kids get excited and our seniors are leading by example. This is a real team effort," Patterson said.

Tony Reimer lifted 35 pounds over his personal best when he lifted 385 pounds.

Jesse Hannum needed to lift 20 pounds over his personal best. He did so by lifting 380 pounds.

Tony Reimer and Jesse Hannum lifted over three times their body weight.

At the Junior Varsity 145 pound class Casey Helsel came in first for his first win of the season.

Joe Woldan came in first in the Varsity 155 pound division. He bench pressed 260 pounds and set another state record in the dead lift by lifting 455 pounds.

Senior Kevin Annis came in first place in the Varsity 175 class. This was his first tournament win.

Travis Beckett won the Junior Varsity 198 class and beat his competition by 100 pounds.

Armand Lawrence came in second in the Junior Varsity 181 pound division to win his first medal.

Jeremy Colby placed second in the Varsity 220 pound class. With one more set he would have easily lifted over 1,000 pounds.

Nate Niederer placed third in the Varsity 165 pound class to receive his first medal. He placed fourth in the bench press portion of the contest.

be out soon.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: Come and join the fun on Saturday, March 29, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is \$2 for children and \$3 for adults. Three-years-old and younger are free.

Easter Egg Hunt: March 29 at 10:30 a.m. — Kindergarten through fifth grade — Meet at the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 12 — Kiwanis Scrub the Gym Party — You are invited to help scrub the gym beginning at noon.

May 3 — Community Clean Up Day — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Come and lend a hand to improve the outside of Hanson Hills. Please bring a rake and a paint brush.

May 10 — Kite Day — Come and fly a kite with us. Free kites for every child 14 years and younger — 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

June 7 — Hanson Hills Classic Trail Run

June 17 — Summer Playground begins.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation
Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Women's Volleyball Season

Champs: Kamp Oil won the women's volleyball program tournaments with Mercy Hospital taking second. Congratulations to everyone.

Tennis: Beginner tennis will meet on April 17 at 4 p.m. for the last lesson.

Indoor Soccer: Will begin Saturday, April 12.

Men's Softball: Men's Softball League meeting is April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills.

Youth Softball: Information will

Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

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POOL CHAMPS — The men's pool league champions are the Red Barn I team. The team members are (back, from left): Phil Faustman, Terry Messerschmidt, Jan Thayer, (front) Roger Palmer, Ed Palmer, Todd Messerschmidt, and Dean Worden.

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Health Department Sets Dates

District Health Department No. 1 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Please call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

Immunization Clinic: April 2, 7, 14, and 16.

Family Planning: April 1, 8, and 22.

Medicaid Screening: None this month.

Prenatal Class: April 8.

Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Call for information.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: April 16, 21, 23, 24 and 30.

WIC—Frederic Satellite Clinic: April 18.

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: Call for information any day.

Grayling Middle School wrestlers finish good season

On March 15, the middle school wrestlers traveled to the Charlevoix invitational. This was their toughest tournament of the year, with 12 schools and 41 individual weight classes.

The Grayling wrestling team took 24 wrestlers and 18 of them made it to the final round.

Winning medals for Grayling were: Eli VanNuck, first place; Brandon Pratt, first place; Victor Cedebaca, first place; Sean Mitchell, first place; Joe Highlen, second place; Chris

Malone, second place; Roy Middleton, second place; Chris Peters, second place; Larry Baynam, third place; Nate Haskell, third place; Eric Hunter, third place; Andy Palmer, third place; Nick Baynam, third place; Scott Carnes, third place; Chris McGuire, third place; and Brian Borchers, third place.

On Saturday, March 22, the middle school wrestling team traveled to Whittemore-Prentiss to end their season with the league championships.

Capturing first place and the title of best in the league for Grayling were 13-14-year olds: Sean Mitchell (super heavy weight) and Chris Peters (light heavy weight); eight and under: Joey Ferrigan (super heavy weight).

Capturing second place for Grayling were 13-14-year olds: Nick Baynam and Alfred Borchers; 11-12-year olds: Nate Haskell, Brandon Pratt; 9-10-year olds: Daryll Babbitt; 8-year old and under: Bill Stewart and Eli VanNuck.

Capturing third place for Grayling were 11-12-year olds: Larry Baynam, Eric Hunter, Roy Middleton and Andy Palmer. The entire team worked very hard all year long.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed		Senior Citizens League		Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
C.S.I.	36.5-19.5	Cornelli's Realty	64-44	A. Bulldog Towing	33-19
U.S. & Them	36.5-19.5	Buccilli's Pizza	59.5-48.5	Hesler Bros. Logging	32-20
Robidoux Co.	29-27	Totten's Body Shop	58.5-49.5	Advance Collision	26-26
Computer Services	27-29	Century "21" Realty	54-54	No-Fear	25-27
Mac's Drugs	27-29	Mac's Drug Store	55-53	Tees-N-Such	25-27
D.A.M.M.	23-33	Baynam Wood Products	49-59	Moshier Auto Repair	24-28
Pioneer Hills Marine	23-33	Flowers By Josie	45-63	AJD Forest Products	22-30
All Season's Drywall	22-34	Sylvester's Sports	45-63	Cedar Motel	21-31
Men's High Game: L. Wilde, 230; M. Ashworth, 215; R. Hinds, 197		Men's High Game: K. Harris, 217; R. Biron, 209; R. Tornea, 193		Men's High Game: S. Rioux, 198; S. Sumner, 190; P. Prosser, 184	
Women's High Game: R. Schreiber, 568; L. Wilde, 524; R. Hinds, 521		Women's High Game: K. Harris, 525; H. Ingram, 510; G. Wolfe, 496		Women's High Game: S. Rioux, 198; S. Sumner, 190; P. Prosser, 184	
Women's High Series: S. Sumner, 183; K. Moshier, 182; T. Nelson, 158		Women's High Series: P. Harris, 501; R. Joyce, 171; J. Kellogg, 167		Women's High Series: S. Rioux, 536; P. Prosser, 501; K. Lozon, 494	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 520; S. Sumner, 481; J. Wilde, 443		Women's High Series: P. Harris, 501; R. Joyce, 171; J. Kellogg, 167			
National First League		Triangle League		Pioneer League	
Moore's Auto Parts	34-14	Airway Auto	13.5-6.5	Deb & Dale's	30-14
Carquest	30-18	Moshier Auto	13-7	Millikins	30-14
Breakers Steak House	29-19	3-D's	12-8	Custom Interior	24-20
City Environmental	28-20	JJ's Motor Mall	10.5-9.5	Lady Slippers	24-20
Northern Wheelchair Ranch	23.5-24.5	Blankens	10-10	Chemical Bank	23-21
Porter Bros.	17.5-30.5	Blackman Trio	8-12	Aunt Betty's	15-29
Corky's D.J. & Karaoke	15-33	Barber Coast	7-13	Avalanche	15-29
Guns & Grub	15-33	Grayling Ford	6-14	Mercy Hospital	15-29
High Game: T. Kotrask, 247; J. Porter, 214; D. German, 210		High Game: D. Myers Sr., 234; D. Henning, 220; R. Schreiber, 210		High Game: K. Moshier, 224; L. Gelnick, 198; C. Jones, 190	
High Series: T. Kotrask, 552; M. Barr, 551; J. Porter, 548		High Series: D. Henning, 566; J. Campbell, 542; D. Myers Sr., 515		High Series: K. Moshier, 548; L. Gelnick, 522; C. Jones, 509	
American Men's League		Northwood		Recreation League	
McLean's Ace	17-4	Wakeley's Auto Parts	30	North Country R.V.	32-12
Stitches by Sue	17-4	House of Cabinets	29	Scheer Motors	29-15
Northside Land	16-5	Rich's Cycle Service	29	Fun-N-Sun Rental	28.5-15.5
Auto Parts	11-10	Hesler Brothers	26	Mickey Perez CPA	22-22
Pentons Auto Service	9-12	R. Calkins & Sons	22	Mark 8	22-22
Rods Auto Body	8-13	Millikins	20	Glen's Market	16-28
Upper Lakes	4-17	Glen's	18	Peterson Saw Service	15.5-28.5
BCI	2-19	R&M Masonry	18	Cornell's	10-34
High Game: S. Peterson, 236; D. Canfield, 219; M. Kerr, 201		High Game: M. Miller, 204; C. Pilley, 201; E. Hesler, 189		High Game: P. Terry, 183; B. Wheeler, 180; G. Nelson, 179	
High Series: D. Canfield, 619; L. Davis, 565; P. Nunn, 563		High Series: S. Roman, 514; M. Miller, 507; N. Tanaka, 497		High Series: P. Terry, 500; D. Davis, 480; B. Wheeler, 474	

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BUTLER: Plato Theatre
IOWA ST.: Century 21/Grayling
ILLINOIS ST.: Johnson Motors

XAVIER: Cornell Real Estate
VANDERBILT: Super 8 Motel
UCLA: Sherry's Collection
CHARLESTON SC.: Pitt & Sons, Inc.

Second Round
March 15 - 16

KENTUCKY: State Wide Real Estate
IOWA: Iron Gate Restaurant
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ST. JOSEPH'S: Wellington Travel
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Regionals
March 20 - 21

KENTUCKY: State Wide Real Estate
N. CAROLINA: Moore's Automotive
CALIFORNIA: Wendy's of Grayling
LOUISVILLE: Heads Up North
TEXAS: DuBois Lumber Co.

MINNESOTA: Cliff Wheeler Don Hester Chevrolet
UCLA: Sherry's Collection

Semifinals
Saturday, March 29

KENTUCKY: State Wide Real Estate
N. CAROLINA: Moore's Automotive

Regionals
March 20 - 21

N. CAROLINA: Moore's Automotive
CALIFORNIA: Wendy's of Grayling
LOUISVILLE: Heads Up North
TEXAS: DuBois Lumber Co.

Second Round
March 15 - 16

N. CAROLINA: Moore's Automotive
CALIFORNIA: Wendy's of Grayling
LOUISVILLE: Heads Up North
TEXAS: DuBois Lumber Co.

First Round
March 13 - 14

N. CAROLINA: Moore's Automotive
FAIRFIELD: Friends & Co. Coffee House
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COLORADO: Randy Thompson Century 21
CALIFORNIA: Wendy's of Grayling
PRINCETON: JCPenney
VILLANOVA: Grayling Holiday Inn
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NEW MEXICO: Hospitality House
OLD DOMINION: Johnson Insurance Agency
LOUISVILLE: Heads Up North
U. MASS.: Continental Rental
WISCONSIN: The Bicycle Shop
TEXAS: DuBois Lumber Co.
S. CAROLINA: Fox Fun Country Club
COPPIN STATE: Grayling Country Club
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JACKSON ST.: Johnson Sales & Service
PURDUE: Glen's Market
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--- Thursday, March 27, 1997

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ORDERS FOR HEARING
NO. 96-483-CZ

In the matter of the Petition of the State of Michigan, in behalf of said State, for the sale of lands for unpaid property taxes.

The State Treasurer has petitioned this Court for a judgment in favor of the State, against the parcels of land described in Schedule A, for the unpaid taxes, interest and charges on each parcel of land, and that the lands be sold for the amounts claimed due by the State.

It is ordered that the petition will be brought on for hearing and judgment at the April term of this Court, to be held at Grayling, MI, in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of April, 1997.

At the opening of Court on that day, all persons who have an interest in the lands or any part thereof, who wish to contest the lien claimed by the State, shall appear in this Court and file their objections with the Clerk of Court on or before the first day of the term of this Court mentioned above, and a judgment will be made as requested in the petition if the amounts due are not paid.

A further finding that the lands described in the petition, will be sold for the unpaid taxes, interest and charges on the first Tuesday in May thereafter, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the day or days after, that is necessary to complete the sale of the parcels, at the office of the County Treasurer, or at a location selected by the Treasurer, at the County seat of the County mentioned above.

This sale will be open to the public and each parcel described in the judgment shall be separately offered for sale and sold to the person who pays the full amount charged against the parcel and accepts the smallest unbid interest in the property. Any parcel of land that is not sold on the day of the sale, shall be resold on the succeeding day, or before the close of the sale. If not sold on the second offering of the parcel, the State shall bid off the parcel in the name of the State.

Witness the Hon. Alton T. Davis, Circuit Judge, and the seal of said Circuit Court of Crawford County this 14th day of February, 1997.

Alton T. Davis
Circuit Judge

Countersigned:
Sandra Moore, Clerk

STATE TREASURER PETITION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY
OF CRAWFORD

In the matter of the Petition of the State Treasurer of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State, for the sale of certain lands for unpaid property taxes.

To the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford
Douglas B. Roberts, State Treasurer of Michigan shows unto the court:

1. That he is the State Treasurer of Michigan and files this petition under the provisions of P.A. 206 of 1993, as amended, and P.A. 380 of 1985, as amended. 2. That the attached Schedule A is the tax record required by the act and contains the description of all lands in the above county upon which taxes were assessed for the years mentioned therein and have remained unpaid for more than one year after they were returned delinquent or in land identified as certified special residential property under section 55.90 days after the lands were returned as delinquent. 3. That the amounts opposite each description of land are (a) the total amount of delinquent taxes which may lawfully be sold at the next annual tax sale, (b) interest calculated as provided by law to the first day of May, (c) a county property tax administration fee of four percent, with a minimum of \$1.00, and \$10.00 for expenses, all in accordance with the act mentioned above.

4. That all of the taxes, interest and charges are valid and have remained unpaid for more than one year to require the sale of the lands against which they were assessed at the next annual tax sale, and constitute a valid lien upon each of the parcels of land, and that a judgment be issued in favor of the State against the land for the payment of the amounts specified, and if not paid, the lands be sold for the amounts specified.

Therefore your plaintiff requests:

a. That within the time provided by law this court determines that the taxes, interest, and charges on lands described in Schedule A are valid and constitute a valid lien upon each of the parcels of land.
b. That within the time provided by law this court make a final judgment in favor of the State of Michigan against each parcel of land for the payment of the taxes, interest, and charges, in Schedule A, and that the amounts in the columns headed "Aggregate" shall constitute the amounts adjudged against the lands, and that the court order the lands be sold for the amounts specified.
c. That if the amounts in the schedule are not paid, the lands, or the portion that is necessary to satisfy the amounts adjudged against the lands, shall be offered separately at the tax sale as law provides.
d. That your plaintiff may have such other and further relief that this court may deem just and equitable.

Date: February 13, 1997

DOUGLAS B. ROBERTS
STATE TREASURER

By Donald Bengel, Administrator
Local Property Services Division
Authorized representative of State Treasurer

Schedule A Taxes of 1994
and Prior Years

Sale No. Description of Land Tax Year Sale Amount

TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK

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248	20-032-103-000-296-00	1994	71.14	309	20-040-007-09-120-00	1994	238.97	347	20-040-016-16-040-00	1994	3,522.89	421	20-040-011-14-020-00	1994	709.64	464	20-040-45-282-00-098-00	1994	286.11	523	20-010-11-022-14-037-00	1994	866.21										
	LOT 296 UPPORTNORNE NO. 3				W/2 OF SW/4 OF NE/4 OF SW/4 OF SE/4 OF SEC 16 T26N R2W				W/2 OF N/2 OF N/2 OF N/4 OF SE/4 OF SEC 11 S 1 SEC 11 T26N R3W				COMM. NW COR OF LOT 54, OAK ACRES PARK, TH N 87 DEG 48M ALONG S.E. CORNER OF GRAYLING AVENUE 148 FT. TO POB TH SW COR. SE 1/4 158 FT. E 1/2 135 FT. TO SW COR. OF LOT 50, OAK ACRES PARK, TH N TO S LINE OF LOT 54, APPROX 155 FT. TH W 165.5 FT. TO POB.				465	20-040-45-283-00-161-00	1994	133.15													
249	20-032-103-000-298-00	1994	71.14		20-040-007-11-040-00	1994	251.47	348	20-040-017-01-180-00	1994	708.68	387	20-040-012-06-060-00	1994	183.01				466	20-040-45-283-00-161-00	1994	133.15											
	LOTS 298 & 299 UPPORTNORNE NO. 3				S 1/2 OF N 1/2 OF N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 4 A SEC 7 T26N R2W				W/2 OF W/2 OF W/2 OF NE/4 OF NE/4 LYING N OF M-72 SEC 17 T26N R2W				W/2 OF W/2 OF E/2 OF N/2 OF NW/4 OF NW/4 2.5 A SEC 12 T26N R3W				467	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81													
250	20-032-103-000-318-00	1994	101.70		20-040-007-11-060-00	1994	685.79	349	20-040-017-01-160-00	1994	203.52		20-040-014-03-020-00	1994	248.18				468	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
	LOT 318 UPPORTNORNE NO. 3				E/2 OF W/2 OF E/2 OF NW/4 OF SEC 7 AND THE SW/4 OF W/2 OF E/2 OF NW/4 OF SW/4 ACRES SEC 7 T26N R2W				S 1/2 OF N 1/2 OF E/2 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 SEC 17 T26N R2W				PARCEL 2 COMM AT THE E/4 COR OF SEC 14 T26N R3W, TH N151M32SW 657.6 FT. FOR POB. TH S89D33M45SW 1760 FT. TH N151M29SE 328.94 FT. TH N151M32SW 228.8 FT. TO THE POB. CONT 13.28 AC.				469	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81													
251	20-032-103-000-319-00	1994	83.36		20-040-007-11-080-00	1994	780.35	350	20-040-018-02-020-00	1994	334.50		20-040-015-08-010-00	1994	350.49				470	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
	LOT 319 UPPORTNORNE NO. 3				N/2 OF N/2 OF NW/4 OF NW/4 ON NE/4 OF SEC 8 T26N R2W 2.5 A				E 1/2 OF E/2 OF E/2 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 ACRES SEC 17 T26N R2W				20-040-014-03-020-00	1994	351.17				471	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
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	LOTS 157 & 158 TWIN PEAKS #1				N/2 OF N/2 OF NW/4 OF NW/4 ON NE/4 OF SEC 8 T26N R2W 2.5 A				E 1/2 OF E/2 OF E/2 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 ACRES SEC 17 T26N R2W				20-040-014-03-020-00	1994	351.17				473	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
253	20-032-119-000-184-00	1994	35.62		20-040-008-02-130-00	1994	962.68	352	20-040-018-02-020-00	1994	334.50		20-040-015-08-010-00	1994	350.49				474	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
	LOT 184 TWIN PEAKS #1				COMM. 458 FT. WEST OF THE SE CORNER OF THE S/2 OF THE S/2 OF THE NE/4 OF THE NW/4 OF SEC 8 T26N R2W, THENCE NORTH 150 FT. THENCE WEST 190 FT. THENCE SOUTH 155 FT. THENCE EAST 190 FT. TO P.O.B. 85.81				E 1/2 OF E/2 OF E/2 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 ACRES SEC 17 T26N R2W				20-040-014-03-020-00	1994	351.17				475	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
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	LOT 219 TWIN PEAKS #1				COMM. 458 FT. WEST OF THE SE CORNER OF THE S/2 OF THE S/2 OF THE NE/4 OF THE NW/4 OF SEC 8 T26N R2W, THENCE NORTH 150 FT. THENCE WEST 190 FT. THENCE SOUTH 155 FT. THENCE EAST 190 FT. TO P.O.B. 85.81				E 1/2 OF E/2 OF E/2 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 ACRES SEC 17 T26N R2W				20-040-014-03-020-00	1994	351.17				479	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
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	LOT 10, BLK. 8, ORIGINAL PLAT VILLAGE OF FREDERIC				W/2 OF THE S/2 OF THE N/2 OF THE S/2 OF THE NE/4 OF SEC 9 T26N R2W				E 1/2 OF E/2 OF E/2 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 ACRES SEC 17 T26N R2W				20-040-014-03-020-00	1994	351.17				483	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
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	E 92 FT. OF LOTS 4, 5 & 6, BLK. 8, ORIGINAL PLAT VILLAGE OF FREDERIC				W/2 OF THE S/2 OF THE N/2 OF THE S/2 OF THE NE/4 OF SEC 9 T26N R2W				E 1/2 OF E/2 OF E/2 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 ACRES SEC 17 T26N R2W				20-040-014-03-020-00	1994	351.17				485	20-040-45-300-05-006-00	1994	417.81											
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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 96-3859 CK (M)
CAROLINE M. HALL,
Plaintiff

vs.
PATTI M. PARTELLO and
CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.,
Defendants.

DAVID R. SABIN P19822
Attorney for Defendant
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588
CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.
Defendant in Pro Per
6464 Ausable Street
Frederic, Michigan 49733
PATTI M. PARTELLO
Defendant in Pro Per
P.O. Box 465
Grayling, MI 49738

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of an Order of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, directing the sale of the following property, legally described as follows:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, McRae's Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 09, Crawford County Records, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.

I shall offer the property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

Kirk A. Wakefield
Sheriff/Under Sheriff

-27-6-13-20-27-3

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky J. Lindsey, a single man to CITIZENS BANK, f/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 14, 1992 and recorded on September 23, 1992 in Liber 248, on Page 171, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight And 81/100 dollars (\$16,298.81), including interest at 8.62% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 09/14 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 A.M., on May 7th, 1997.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 2, Brink's Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 27th, 1997
CITIZENS BANK
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(810) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for CITIZENS BANK
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 97031539

-27-3-10-17-24

Custom Business Cards

AVALANCHE

NOTICE

Due to the resignation of a Trustee on the Lovells Township Board, the township board will be accepting applications from township residents interested in this position.

Please contact the Township Supervisor on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm, at the Lovells Township Hall.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

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MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will be accepting sealed bids from license contractors for the construction of a 24' by 48' addition, with basement, to the township hall on Sherman Road. Bids must be submitted directly to the office of the Supervisor, Mark Kniss, at 7416 N. Sherman Rd., Frederic, MI 49733, by 5 pm Tuesday, April 15, 1997. Sealed bids will be opened and reviewed at the regular April 15th board meeting which begins at 7:30 pm, at the township hall. Bidders may contact McHugh Engineering Corporation at 1624 Old-27 South, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735, ph. 517-732-0770 for prints and specifications. Maple Forest Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, which they feel is in their best interest. Contractors must provide a performance and payment Bond.

Susan M. Keene
Township Clerk

-27-3-10

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SURPLUS STATE-OWNED LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. of 1994, that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in the land as negotiated with the land exchange applicant(s) of record:

Easement rights to 7.57 acres of State-owned land for a 20 foot wide, 3.12 mile long gas transmission line traversing Sections 3, 10, 17, 20 and 29, T28N, R03W, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County.

This easement is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for public comment prior to being ratified and approved for sale by the DNR Director. The next meeting of the NRC is scheduled for the following date, time and location:

Wednesday, April 9, 1997
3:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn
615 E. Front Street
Traverse City, Michigan

Public appearances before the NRC will begin at 4:30 p.m. and may be scheduled by calling Ms. Teresa Gloden, NRC Secretary, at 517-373-2352.

The complete list of negotiated sales proposed by the DNR are available by contacting Mr. Robert L. Couvreur, DNR, Real Estate Division, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948, phone 517-336-3259.

PLEASE NOTE that this is not a solicitation for bids. Special circumstances have created the need to release the listed properties to approved land exchange applicants. Negotiations concerning the terms of this sale have been completed with the applicant(s) and are being submitted for approval by the DNR Director following the above-mentioned meeting.

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Student artists compete for national audience

High school students in the First Congressional District again will have an opportunity to compete in a contest that allows their work to be showcased for a national audience in one of the corridors of the U.S. Capitol.

Now in its 15th season, the contest known as "An Artistic Discovery" is sponsored in part by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) and is being coordinated by Escanaba's William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, which will assist in selecting the final winner.

Winning a district event not only allows young artists to show their talents in the nation's capital, but it also gives them an opportunity to attend a June 24 award ceremony in Washington, D.C. In past years, guests at this ceremony have included actresses Jane Alexander and Susan Sarandon, actors Tom Cruise and Christian Slater, and authors Michael Crichton and Norman Mailer.

"The current display in Washington is a daily reminder to members of Congress, their staff, and to visitors of the imagination and artistic skill of young people all across the nation," Stupak said.

School officials and art instructors

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE

File No. 96-5666-IE

In the Estate of GERTRUDE JUNE NEWBY
Social Security No. 386-26-5109

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

1. The Decedent, whose last known address was 10846 Old 27 North, Frederic, MI 49733 died 7/1/96.

2. An instrument dated 4/25/96 has been admitted as the will of the Decedent.

3. Creditors of the Decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be barred unless presented within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

TO THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
WILLIE DAVIS, c/o Bernard J. Caspar, P.C.,
P.O. Box 1214, Gaylord, MI 49735 or to both the Personal Representative and the Crawford County Probate Court.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Bernard J. Caspar, Attorney (P28129)
P.O. Box 121,
Gaylord, MI 49735
(517) 731-0806

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MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The regular meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 1997, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 7:30 pm, at the township hall.

Susan M. Keene
Maple Forest Township Clerk

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NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Township transfer site will be closed Easter, March 30, 1997, and will be open Monday, March 31, 1997, 1-6 pm.

Wednesday hours start April 9, 1997, and end October 29, 1997, open 4-7 pm.

Metal and furniture cleanup day is Saturday, June 14, 1997, open 9 am - 6 pm.

You must have a current 1997 dump sticker to dispose of refuse.

Sharon Hartman, Clerk

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SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP Notice of BUDGET Public Hearing & ANNUAL Meeting for General & Special Funds

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 1997 - 1998 at the South Branch Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653 on March 29, 1997, at 9 am.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or call Laura Smith, Clerk at the Township Hall, (517) 275-8232.

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Clerk.

Laura Smith,
Clerk

-20-27

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative
A checklist for women planning retirement

Why should women need special information about Social Security if Social Security is the same for men and women? This is a question we often get when we tell women they need to be especially alert about their Social Security rights and responsibilities.

We explain that women as a group have different work patterns, different levels of earnings, different societal roles, and tend to live longer, all of which make a difference in how well they fare under the Social Security program. For example, although Social Security pays benefits to a spouse of a retired worker, women are more likely to qualify because they are more likely to have worked as homemakers rather than outside the home.

The following list should help you focus on those aspects of your Social Security coverage that may have special impact on you as a woman:

Should you take benefits as a wife?
Women often find themselves in the position of having to decide whether to take a benefit on their own work record or their husband's work record. Sometimes, the decision is whether to claim a benefit on their new husband's earnings or a previous husband's earnings.

Look at all the options. We will show you how much your benefits would be under any of the scenarios

listed above. The decision is yours, but we will be glad to give you the information you need to make it.

Divorced wives have benefit rights. Remember, if you have been married for 10 years, you have the same rights to benefits on your ex-husband's Social Security earnings as a current wife. And your benefits will not affect those of the current wife.

Marriage may affect benefits. Generally, marriage terminates entitlement to divorced spouse's or mother's benefits. Benefits as a widow are not affected by remarriage.

Note Government Pension Offset. If you receive a pension from work in a government job that is not covered by Social Security, remember that it could reduce your Social Security spouse's benefit.

You need a benefit statement. You can get a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" from Social Security at any time to get an estimate of the benefits you would get on your own earnings record. Your husband would need to request a statement of his earnings to see what benefits you could get on his earnings record.

For more information on these and other Social Security questions, call Social Security's toll-free number — 1-800-772-1213 — and ask for the booklet "Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know."

Scholarships available

The Roscommon County Area Zonta Club, which is an International Professional Women's organization, is once again offering scholarships to young women in the local high schools.

One female high school student attending Grayling High School, Houghton Lake High School and Roscommon High School will be awarded \$500 each.

Applicants must complete the application, including two letters of recommendation, and return to: Zonta Club of Roscommon County Area, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 532, Roscommon, MI 49653.

The deadline for applying is April 7. Scholarship recipients will be announced by May 1.

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Kirtland police academy recruit handles emergency

Kirtland Regional Police Academy administrators and instructors, as well as a Michigan State Police personnel at the Houghton Lake Post, have high praise for the actions of Dan Wills early Wednesday morning, March 12, in coming to the aid of a motorist in a medical emergency.

Wills, 20, of Lake George, an Academy recruit and a second-year Criminal Justice student at Kirtland Community College, was driving north on US-27 on his way to class in Roscommon when just north of Houghton Lake he spotted a woman along the side of the road trying to stop traffic. When Wills stopped his vehicle, the woman told him her friend was having a heart attack in their pick-up truck. Wills quickly assessed the situation, left his car on the road and drove the man and woman in their truck to the Houghton Lake State

Police Post. He ran inside, told the officers to call an ambulance, then ran back to the truck, removed the heart attack victim and began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). He was quickly joined by a State Police Officer. Unfortunately, the man did not recover.

However, Wills' actions were considered exemplary and he has been cited by his instructors at the Academy. Academy Coordinator Walt Noa said, "Dan really demonstrated his ability to think quickly and act competently, and we are very proud of him." Ironically, "Wills had just been certified in first aid and CPR at the Academy the week before the incident," said Noa.

Houghton Lake State Police Post Sergeant Larry Wiley confirmed Wills' actions. "He handled himself very well," said Wiley.

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Howard A. Hayes and Susan M. Hayes, his wife to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 4th, 1992 and recorded on December 5th, 1992 in Liber 403, on Page 243, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America as assignee, by an assignment dated 12/4/92, which was recorded on February 24, 1997, in Liber 423, on Page 503, Crawford County Records, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three And 22/100 dollars (\$38,863.22), including interest at 8.12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 23rd, 1997.

Said premises are situated in City of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4 and the Southeastly 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 12, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated March 13, 1997
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(810) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File #97020825

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by MICHAEL J. LEWIS, a single man, of 3341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49738, to NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION, of 129 Lake Street, P.O. Box 727, Roscommon, MI 48653, dated January 16, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on January 23, 1995, in Liber 389, Pages 213-218, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three and 94/100 (\$13,653.94) Dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage thereof and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or as much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on 3 April 1997 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with Eight and 2/10 (8.2%) percent interest, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan:

Lot 54, NORTHERN HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 27, Crawford County Records. Street address: 3341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49738

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale unless determined to be abandoned pursuant to M.C.L.A. 600.3241 (1) whereby the period of redemption shall be thirty (30) days.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: 18 February 1997
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123
LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.
Attorney for Mortgagee
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 23-29

ARIES March 21-April 20

Enjoy a romantic getaway this week for a refreshing stress buster. Pay close attention to nonverbal cues, or you could miss an important message. Trust your intuition. Someone who seems to be friendly could be masking a hidden agenda. Be on guard.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

You may not be getting all the facts you need to make an important decision. Expect the unexpected, and keep your feet to yourself. Otherwise, you may lose the advantage. Include water in your weekend plans, whether it's a boat ride or a soak in a warm tub.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Someone who's ordinarily easygoing may seem unusually nit-picky this week. Delve deeper, and you could discover some underlying troubles. A small, loving gesture could make a big difference. Don't let finances get in the way of achieving a long-term goal.

CANCER June 22-July 22

An idea that seemed promising could be in need of a little revamping. Consult an expert, and then take it from there. Your creativity could be put to the test, but the results will be worth the effort. Cut excess fat from your budget and you'll realize financial gains in the near future.

LEO July 23-August 23

Jangling nerves and high stress levels mean that you need a little peace and quiet toward the weekend. Turn off the phone and ignore the doorbell. Use your common sense, rather than your emotions, to make a sound decision in the middle of the week.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Look to new ideas and innovations to clear up a problem that seemed impossible. Catch up on paperwork and other chores before the weekend. Be especially sensitive to another person's moods. You could miss out on a subtle clue to what the real problem is.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

Be sure to get a second opinion before signing an agreement. Also, be sure to read the fine print. An eccentric friend has a startling idea. Showcase your creativity in a group environment. Travel plans are favored, whether it's for a weekend getaway or next year's vacation.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Small gestures clear the way for big progress later this week. Call on your connections to help you get what you want. Make an investment in your future well-being. This weekend, catch up on small household chores and paperwork.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

You may be feeling constrained this week. Instead of outright rebellion, try to find ways around the rules. You may be able to negotiate some changes. Too. Watch finances closely—someone could be paying extra attention to your priorities this week.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Abandoning an old dream could be a positive move this week. Don't take big risks without getting all of the information first. Tighten your seat belt and hang on—big changes are in the air. A stellar opportunity is just around the corner.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

You can avoid a lot of misunderstanding this week just by listening closely. If you're feeling really energetic, try channeling your energies into some kind of learning experience. This weekend, spend time with a new friend. Opt for a spontaneous adventure.

PISCES February 19-March 20

The quest for perfection could cause some unpleasant fallout in the near future. When looking for answers, probe carefully to be certain you're getting the entire truth. Don't skimp on materials for a project you're embarking on. Remember, garbage in, garbage out.

For Entertainment Purposes Only



HOME NEEDED — Tasha is a six-year-old female terrier mix. She is housebroken and would prefer to live in a home without children. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

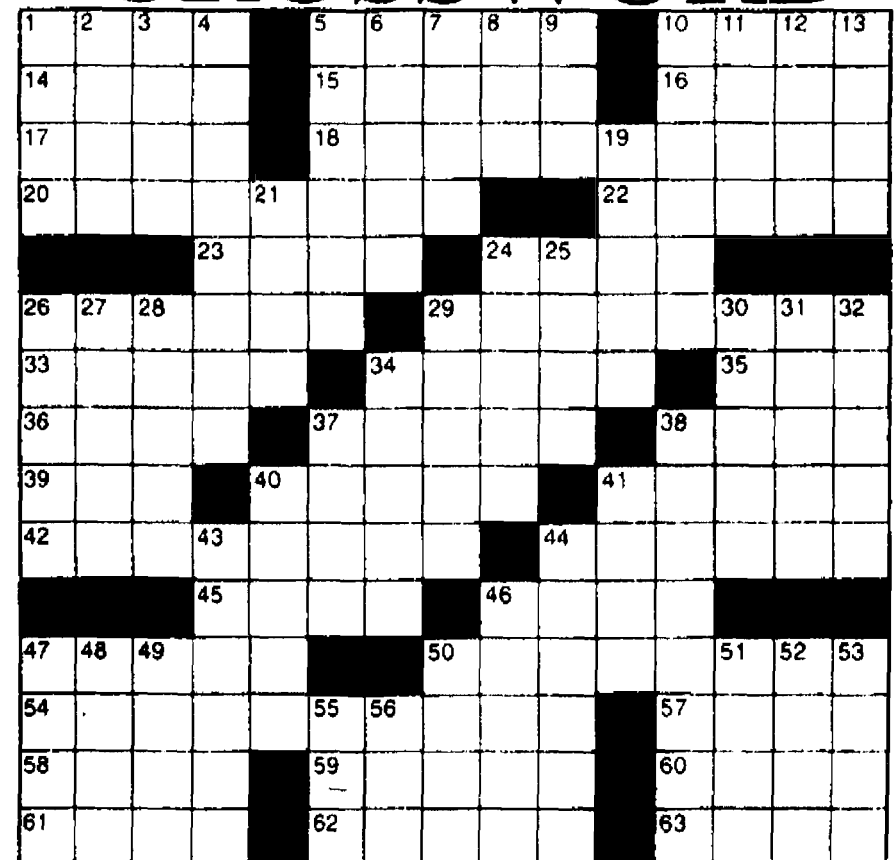
Every cat, even an indoor cat, should wear a collar with an ID tag to help him come home if he is lost, warns the Humane Society of the United States. Many cat owners believe a collar can injure a cat. But a breakaway collar lets a cat escape if the collar becomes snagged.

April Fool's Day

Do you ever feel like playing a trick on someone? What kind of trick might you play? April Fool's Day is a day devoted to playing tricks and making people laugh. It's also called All Fools' Day. No one knows exactly how April Fool's Day started.

Many people play practical jokes on one another on April Fool's Day. They may put salt in the sugar bowl, or sugar in the salt shaker, or they may tell each other jokes. Whatever you do for April Fool's Day, be sure that your joke will not harm another person or make them feel bad. That wouldn't be funny at all!

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Hold up!
- Summarize
- Mahogany tree
- So sorry!
- Radiate, as confidence
- Ruin
- Cheers from the Carmen chorus
- Part of SLA
- Blow up
- Dame Cathedral
- Actor Hunter et al.
- Dog's donation to a hangover relief
- Shepherd's dog
- Sound of a pedestrian
- Felt sore
- Artemis, to the Romans
- Hot season in Paris
- He went over the mountain
- Brother (French)
- Ne ____ ultra
- Fancy syllables
- Singing protective cloth
- Belief
- Covered with glossy paint
- Wheelies
- Pair makers

DOWN

- American Gothic artist
- Saintly
- Store sign
- Attacker
- Sew a new pocket
- Places of egress
- Raise to the third power
- Citrus drink
- Each, informally
- Instructs
- Sleep ____ (2 wds.)
- Bouquet
- ____ But The Brave
- Rita's West Side Story role
- Meter
- Venerable
- Great rating

- Couch potato's salvation
- "The Onnk," to a tar
- Tibetan capital
- Professional specialty
- Wired message
- Practice piece
- Change in Chihuahua
- Takes the wet way
- Withdraw, at cards
- Treeless tracts
- Opaque
- Old King or Nat King
- Conquer
- Livestock
- Eatery
- Blind as ____ (2 wds.)
- French mother
- ____ boy!
- Advance
- It carried Hercules, Theseus and others
- Warty one
- Some are bitter
- LP info
- Sheep bleat

This week's Puzzle is sponsored by:
Bell Hearing
Drive a little - Save a lot!
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616-258-6577

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago March 28, 1974

Jim Crawford, President of the Grayling Rotary Club, presented a check for \$286.10 to Sister Mary Hilda, R.S.M. Administrator of Mercy Hospital. This check represents the Hospital share of the Proceeds from their recent charity basketball game with Kiwanians. The money is designated for improvements to the coronary care unit.

Horace D. Hodge, newly appointed receiver for Bear Mountain has closed down the resort, due to the lack of business. The resort showed a loss of \$55,000 at the end of the ski season.

Little League Registration will be held on Saturday, March 30 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the American Legion Hall.

The ladders from the fire truck have not yet been returned. Please return them at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lance and baby were Sunday afternoon callers of the Kesbys.

We are sorry to hear about Mr. and Mrs. John Miller's baby being in the hospital. Hoping he will be home soon again and feeling fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haggadone spent Thursday and Friday at East Lansing, also while down there spent some time with his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Robinson of Jerome.

Del Anteau, the Standard Oil dealer in Frederic, received the Customer Courtesy Commendation from Bob Chamberlin, Area Supervisor of Standard Oil Division of Amoco Oil Co. after a report on his good service was received from one of his customers.

Three members of A.B.W.A., Jackie Ruddy, Elaine Harland and Tanya Pello, went to Howell for a luncheon in honor of Vivian Gardner, A.B.W.A. National President.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sova and family of Midland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duby.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet on Thursday evening at the home of

Mrs. Margie Harwood with Mrs. Sophie Koernke and Mrs. Marie Duby co-hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Paquette spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood.

Mrs. Violette Richards was hostess at the card party Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Alice Campau, Elsie Butters, Jack Kearney, Walter Butters, Evelyn Bates and Ruth Caid. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spears will give the party this week.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dick who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brant returned home after enjoying several weeks in Florida.

Sandra and Steve Johnson spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson.

46 Years Ago March 29, 1951

Marshall Atkinson was ten years old on Easter Sunday, so his mother, Mrs. Alex Atkinson, entertained thirteen of his boy friends with a party on Saturday. Games were played with prizes being won by Michael Phillips, Bill Heath, Jim Nunn and Roger Hatfield. The refreshment table was decorated in the Easter motif.

Jack Richardson was home from college at Ann Arbor to spend Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson, and sister, Mary.

Bob Smith spent Easter vacation from college at Kalamazoo with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Smith at Lake Margrethe.

The Leonard Allison family left for Poland, Ohio last Thursday to spend Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Raysor. They returned on Monday and Mrs. Raysor accompanied them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Schottens of Mt. Pleasant spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Menno Corwin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and family spent the weekend at Burnside visiting

Mr. Bond's mother, Mrs. Harry Williams.

The Junior High Vikings basketball team wound up a near perfect season last Saturday night by winning a junior high basketball tournament at Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Leng and son, Ted, spent Easter with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kellogg of Saginaw.

Gene Kaiser, Jack Bigham and John Madill spent the weekend with their parents here.

Gene A. Crawford, Seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Crawford of 805 Rose St., is serving aboard the light cruiser USS Roanoke operating in the Mediterranean as a unit of Vice Admiral John J. Ballentine's Sixth Fleet.

The Robert Strong family moved into their new home at Lake Margrethe, Friday.

Bob Johnson was home from Mt. Pleasant to spend Easter vacation with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire and daughters of Lansing were Easter weekend visitors at the home of her parents, the Harold MacNevens.

Art Clough reports the sale of the Ace Leng house in Karen Woods to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collins.

Miss Katherine McKinnon of Mt. Morris spent Easter weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. Ester Peterson.

69 Years Ago March 29, 1928

It is predicted that 5 million automobiles will be built this year.

Miss Helen Schumann arrived here from Michigan State College Saturday. Miss Bunny Montour is entertaining Miss Virginia McKinnon of Gaylord for a few days this week.

Mrs. Fred Hanson of Manistee was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson the last of the week.

Mrs. James Kane and two children of Flint are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Owens and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson and

daughters, Misses Ella and Margrethe left for Detroit Tuesday to spend a few days before the young ladies return to the Bennett school in Millbrook, New York.

Signor Johnson returned to Big Rapids to resume his pharmacy course at Ferris Institute.

Word was received from Detroit this morning of the death of Mrs. L. H. Chamberlain at her home in that city.

Mrs. Algot Johnson was hostess to a large company of ladies at her home last Friday afternoon to honor her sisters, Mrs. Felix Erickson of Pocatello, Idaho.

Ernest Jorgenson of Pontiac has been spending the past week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson.

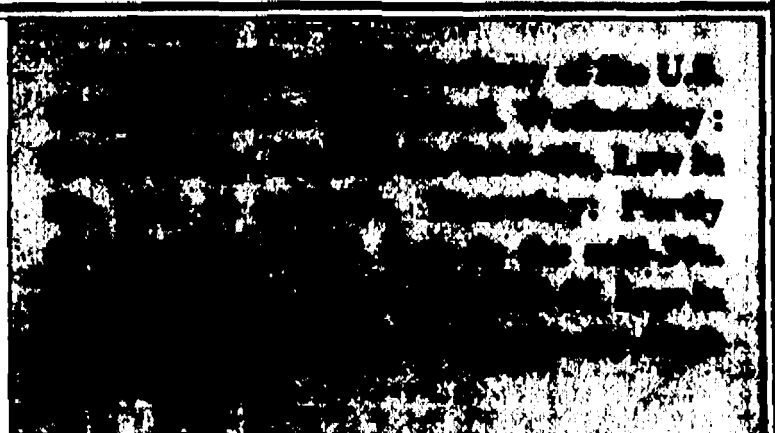
Grayling is going to pave three blocks of Main Street at a cost of \$20,000. The resolution carried by a 200 to 143 vote. Grayling is not allowing itself to be discouraged over the loss of its mills and is more determined than ever to fight and the paving improvement and eastern time is going to help then a lot in attracting tourists and other activities.

Several members of the Golf Club enjoyed their favorite pastime at the local course last Sunday. They report the fairways and greens in excellent condition. The grass on the greens was dead and brown but perfectly smooth. The day was ideal and playing fast and thrilling.

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Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
3/19	34	1		23"
3/20	38	4	T	21"
3/21	39	20	0.01	19"
3/22	48	24	T	19"
3/23	31	17		19"
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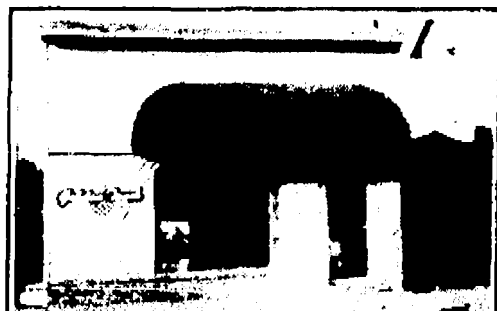
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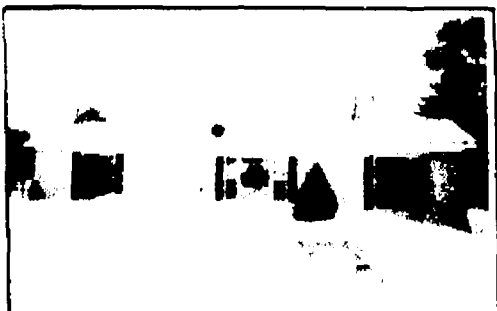
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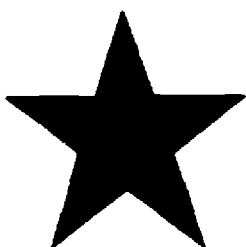
CHARMING THREE-BEDROOM RANCH in desirable East Branch Estates. Spacious wooded lot with blacktop drive, only 1/2 mile from city limits. Includes stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer and dryer. Sliding door wall onto patio. Immediate occupancy. \$58,500. CH-501



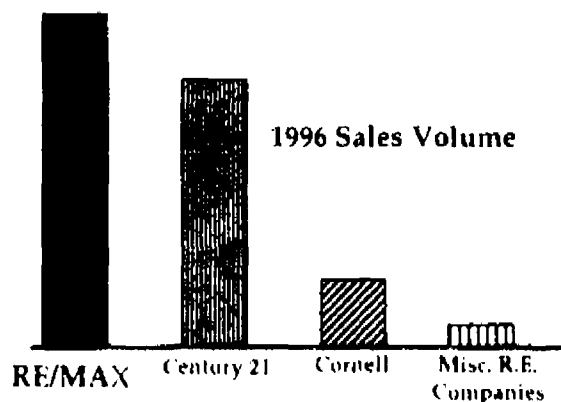
OPEN FLOOR PLAN dramatizes versatile interior. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths w/sinks in both, natural gas heat. Master bath offers garden tub & walk-in shower. Peaked ceiling throughout, oak kitchen cabinets & built-in oak hutch w/glass doors, walk-out patio door off dining room. City water & city sewer, cable TV, concrete driveway & wide sidewalks on two sides of ours. Nicely landscaped. Close to town, schools & shopping. \$65,000. CS-539



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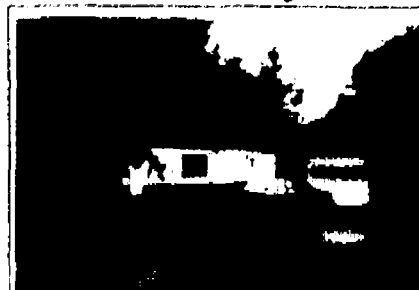
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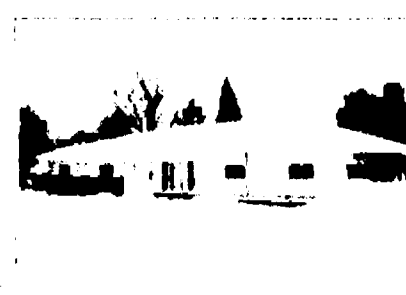
LAKE MARGRETHE Pioneer log home, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, sauna, two garages, observation-sun deck, gazebo, over 600' log-nice trees and a breathtaking view. \$270,000. (LM-933)



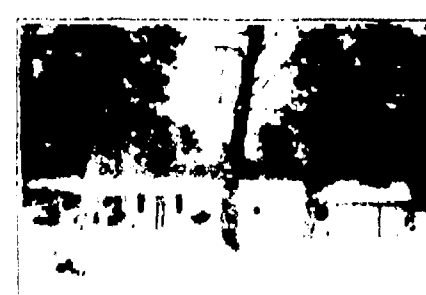
HOLY WATERS AuSable River, 10 acres with over 220' frontage, three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, garage, large trees. Fries-only section \$135,000. Reduced to \$125,000. (DL-36)



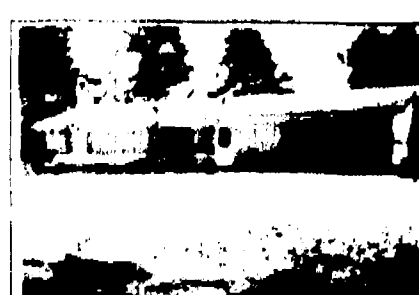
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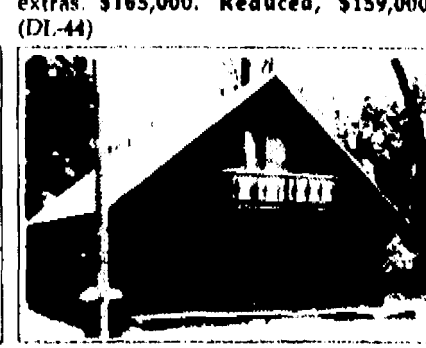
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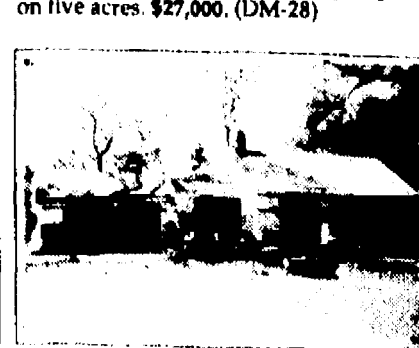
GOOD RECREATIONAL OR STARTER HOME This 1966 mobile is located on Horseshoe Trail, has many possibilities. Two bedrooms, one bath, 20x13 unfinished room, 14x22 garage, all on five acres. \$27,000. (DM-28)



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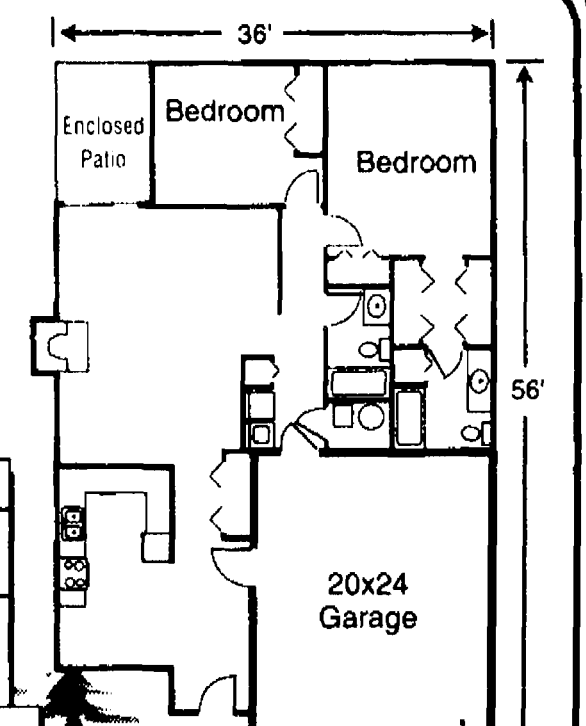
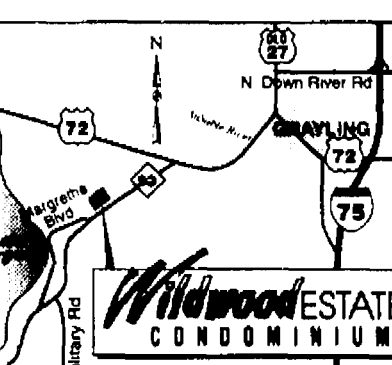
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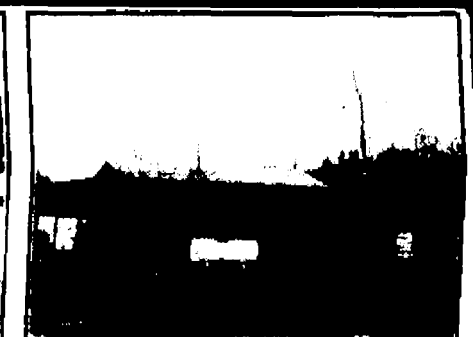
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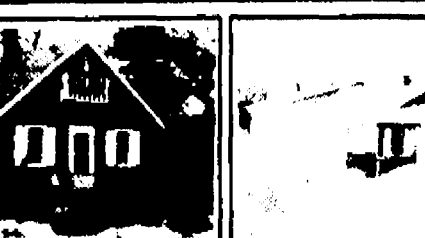


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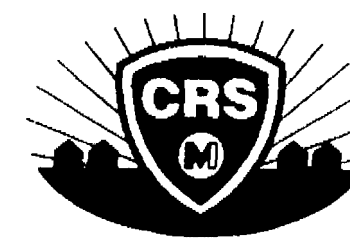
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9. Personals

LAURINDA GUARDADO - Happy Birthday. Let me win, but if I can't, let me be brave enough to try. You're a winner! Love, Mom. -27/9

You've come a long way baby!



Happy Quarter Century Paula
March 31, 1997

Love,
Your siblings, etc...

New speeds posted on Michigan's freeways

On-time installation of new signs mark Governor John Engler's commitment to boosting maximum speed limits on most Michigan freeways from 65 to 70 mph.

When Engler announced increased speed limits in December, he noted that signs would be posted over the next few months, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) road crews that plover now would be posting the 1,500 new speed-limit signs as the weather permitted.

"Safety continues to drive transportation considerations," said Engler, citing the results of a three month study which established five 70 mph freeway test zones and showed no significant increase in speeds. The governor also noted the partnerships between state agencies and private sector investing in the three E's of traffic safety -- education, enforcement and engineering.

State Transportation Director Robert Welke confirmed that M-DOT will have 1,592 miles of freeway posted at 70 mph by the March 1 commitment to the public.

The Governor's December decision to raise Michigan speed limits results in 1,592 miles of freeway posted at 70 mph, 108 miles of freeway at 65 mph, 20 miles of freeway at 60 mph, and 141 miles at 55 mph, with the Mackinac Bridge maximum speed remaining at 45 mph. In addition, motorists can expect to pay double fines for moving violations at emergency scenes, school zones and in construction zones.

Play performed by multi-age class

Students from Karyn Rauch-Smock's multi-age class recently performed a play entitled "Camile and The Sunflowers", which is based on the book "Camile and The Sunflowers" by Laurence Anholt.

The play was about the life of Vincent VanGogh. It also featured two of his more famous works of art, "The Sunflowers" and "Portrait of Joseph Roulin (The Postman)."

This play was done after studying a unit on famous people.

9. Personals

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You're still older than me!
Love, Windy

10. Garage Sales

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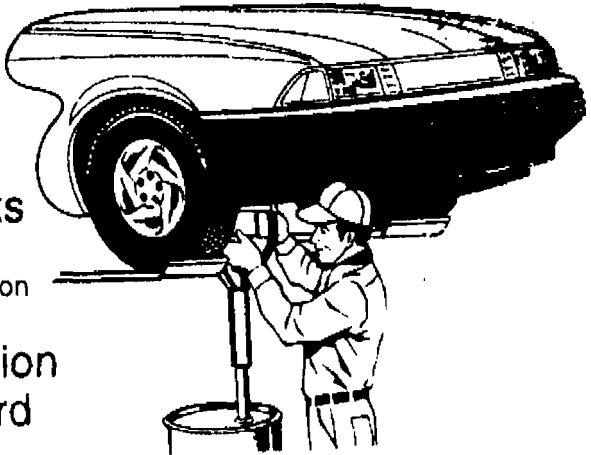
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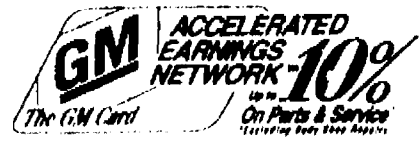
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Northern Michigan Health Services (NMHS) announced that Kausar Suleman, M.D., will begin seeing patients at the Grayling Primary Health Care office, on March 11.

The clinic is located at 308 E. Michigan Avenue (housed in the Keyport Clinic), in Grayling. Dr. Suleman joins Denis Gennette, P.A.-C at this location. Appointments can be made by calling (517) 348-4110.

Dr. Kausar Suleman received her medical degree from Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan in 1989, followed with completion of an internship and residency in 1992. She completed an internal medicine residency at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, in June 1996.

Suleman began her practice in general internal medicine at NMHS Houghton Lake Health Services in September 1996. Suleman is Board Eligible in Internal Medicine, and will specialize in general internal medicine and primary care. She also is especially interested in women's health and geriatrics.

11. Automotive

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PLAY PERFORMERS — The students and teachers that performed the play were (front, from left): Mrs. Rauch-Smock, Heather Paterson, Christi Schmidt, Andrew Wingfield, Jessica Banda, Kristie Cummings, Brittany Sloan, Trisha Petersen, Bob Ramaswamy, Brittney Stoddard, Jeremy Caverly, Heather Wildman, (back) Jacob Bondar, Chris Brown, Kayla Pindell, Zac Baker, Nick Parkinson, Scot Olson, Danielle Williams, Vanessa Vogel, Megan Eilers, Megan Burrick, Kenny Sheldon, Jordan Klemish.

Severe weather season approaches; Michigan hit by harsh storms in 1996

Last year may well be remembered as one of the stormiest across Michigan as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and floods pounded the state.

During 1996, 12 twisters were reported across the state, affecting 12 counties. Most notably, a strong tornado packing winds of over 160 mph ripped through the community of Ennuth, causing over \$5 million in damage and injuring one person. Severe thunderstorms were also common last year with damaging winds of up to 110 miles per hour and hail as large as a tennis ball. Massive flooding and flash flooding resulted in two deaths and damages in excess of \$26.6 million.

Crawford County did not experience a tornado in 1996, but the county has had seven tornadoes since 1950.

As another severe weather season approaches, Gov. John Engler has declared March 23-29 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages residents to review tornado safety procedures, and to monitor rapidly changing weather conditions.

Tornadoes generally develop from severe thunderstorms, and are more likely to occur when warm, humid air

along the ground is forced up rapidly by cooler air and develops into a spinning funnel. According to the National Weather Service, these conditions are most likely to occur in the spring and summer months. Since the 1870s, tornadoes have killed 341 Michigan citizens.

Since tornadoes and severe thunderstorms develop and move rapidly, Michiganiens should familiarize themselves with the various severe weather alerts.

A **tornado watch** or **severe thunderstorm watch** simply means "watch out," severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible. Residents should gather a first aid kit, flashlight, and portable radio, monitor local television and radio and keep an eye to the sky.

A **severe thunderstorm warning** indicates that a severe thunderstorm has been indicated by Doppler Weather Radar or weather spotters. Severe thunderstorm winds can be as strong and damaging as a tornado.

When a severe thunderstorm warning is issued for your area, get indoors immediately and do not use the telephone or electrical appliances. Keep away from window. Do not take

shelter in sheds or under isolated trees. If you are out boating and swimming, get to land and find shelter immediately.

A **tornado warning** means that a tornado has been spotted or is indicated on Doppler Radar. Go immediately to the basement or a small interior room on the lowest level. Keep away from chimneys and windows. Abandon mobile homes for a shelter.

At work or school (if a basement is not available), move to an interior hallway on the lowest floor possible. Avoid rooms with a large, free-span roof, like gymnasiums. If caught in a car or in the open when a tornado threatens, seek shelter in a ditch, ravine or other place below ground level and stay as low as possible.

Property owners can also be prepared by ensuring that they have adequate coverage for their home and personal belongings under their homeowners insurance policies. Tornadoes are considered "windstorms" and covered by virtually all homeowner policies, according to insurance industry representatives on the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. However, certain limits and requirements may apply.

Potholes loom large on spring horizon

In Wayne County alone, road crews fill approximately 200,000 potholes per year. At an average depth of four inches, stacked one on top of the other, that's two Mount Everests or 45 Empire State Buildings.

Those four inches can cause significant damage to your car, with most pothole claims reported in late winter and early spring. AAA Michigan typically receives between 10,000 and 15,000 pothole claims annually. This winter, pothole claims are increasing from prior years.

Potholes cost the average American more than \$100 per year in vehicle repairs for new shock absorbers, blown tires, wasted gas, body work and even broken windshields, said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan community Safety Services manager. And with today's sophisticated technology, pothole vehicle damage can cost as much as several thousand dollars to repair.

How can motorists avoid these expensive repairs? "Keep your eye on the road," said Basch. "If contact with a pothole seems

imminent, slow down and try to steer around it without endangering traffic in adjacent lanes."

Preventive maintenance can also lessen the jarring effects of an unwanted encounter of the pothole kind.

"Be sure to take your car in for a check-up if steering, ride, tire or noise problems appear," said Basch. "Keep your tires properly inflated and steering and suspension components in good condition. Especially critical are the shock absorbers or struts, which prevent excessive rebound or bottoming out on severe bumps."

Potholes are created when snow or rain seeps into cracks on the road surface. The moisture freezes during cold weather, causing the ground and pavement to expand upward. When temperatures rise, a cavity is created as the soil returns to its normal level. Heavy traffic causes the pavement to crack and fall into the cavity beneath, creating a pothole. Due to weather conditions and roads in need of repair, potholes appear to be "blooming" more this season than in past years.

11. Automotive

Grayling Housing Commission

is taking sealed bids on a 1989 Ford F250 pickup truck with plow, 7,511 original miles. Minimum bid of \$3,500. The truck can be seen at 308 Lawndale Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm. All bids must be received by April 4, 1997, at 4 pm. Bids will be opened April 4, 1997, at 4 pm, at the Grayling Housing Commission. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 450.

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Thursday, March 27, 1997

Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT

Time to improve that home

It is that time of the year again. Well almost; just as soon as the snow quits flying and the temperatures rise a little.

A number of area residents will be putting away the snow shovel after the long months of winter only to pick up another kind of shovel and some other types of tools for home improvement.

Gardening, lawn maintenance and other exterior projects are included as home improvement accomplishments, and are suggestions for these activities are included in this special section.

In addition to the outdoor projects, the home improvement season for some people involves the addition to the home or special renovation or painting projects.

This special addition also has some tips for persons searching for or in the process of purchasing a new home. There is probably no bigger "improvement" than going through the process of buying and moving into a new home.

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For example, in the insulation section there's a "Frequently Asked Questions" page which provides quick answers and offers free brochures and pamphlets for more detailed information on such subjects as how much insulation you need, ventilation and vapor retarders, insulation and fire safety, energy efficient mortgages, as well as a "What's New?" section on most recently introduced products. The insulation site also offers a "Services" page which provides 800 numbers for homeowners who would like answers to technical questions.

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New technologies help buyers find new homes

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When you buy a new home, you are likely to have questions such as: How much home can I afford? What kind of house is being built in my favorite neighborhood? I've been transferred; how do I find out about homes in my new town? My builder is letting me choose the cabinets in my kitchen; where can I find more information about my choices? What kind of mortgage is best for me?

The housing industry is helping home buyers find answers to these questions. All through the country, builders and their trade associations are making it easier for people to buy a home by providing information on the Internet's World Wide Web. Web sites can answer questions about how to work with a builder, provide lists of builders and remodelers in your area and walk you through the mortgage process as well as answer the questions listed above.

For example, the National Association of Home Builders launched its Web site, known as The Home Page, in early 1996, and it is a huge success with both home buyers and builders. The Home Page can be found on the web at <http://www.nahb.com>. According to Randy Smith, the 1996 NAHB President and a builder from Walnut Creek, Calif., "The Home Page" is a valuable resource to a wide range of people from first-time buyers to builders to people who already own a home. A key area is information about home finance, and the site provides a Lender's Link that allows people to link to mortgage company web sites where they can determine current rates, how much home they can afford and

how much their monthly payments would be."

But like politics, housing markets are local. So The Home Page allows visitors to click on specific points in the site and be linked to web sites created by local builders associations. Here, in the Crawford County area, you can get local information through Kirtland Community College. For Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association: <http://www.kirtland...-trilakes/index.htm>. There also are related links from that page to access the National Association of Home Builders, Michigan Association of Home Builders (www.nahb.com) and several others.

Builders themselves are using on-line technologies to sell their homes. According to NAHB, approximately 200 members reported that the Web is an important part of their marketing strategies. Builders use the web to show floor plans, give directions to model homes, list product options and prices and provide links to related sites.

To find answers to home-buying questions and information about building companies, log on to a web crawler or search engine (popular ones include <http://www.yahoo.com>, <http://www.lycos.com> and <http://www.atext.com>), and enter key words such as *builder*, *home building*, *home*, *mortgages*, *construction*, *remodeling*, *new homes*, *real estate* or the builder's name. Check back often since Web sites are updated frequently. With a broad base of facts, you will be able to find the home that meets your needs and fulfills your dreams.

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Safety — A key concern for home owners

by Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

The safety of family, home and belongings is critical to all of us. Being prepared and alert can save time, injury and possibly your life. Here are some things to do to help keep your family safe around your home:

- Store medications and small items such as jewelry and coins where toddlers can't reach. Be alert for items that would stick in a child's throat.
- Lock unloaded guns in a secure place and store guns and bullets in separate places. Do not let children see where the gun or bullets are hidden.
- Put razors, cosmetics and other health and beauty items out of reach.
- Do not leave hair dryers, curling irons or other grooming appliances out after use.
- Install child safety latches on cabinets and drawers.
- Do not store prescription drugs in the bathroom. Find a cool, dry spot in the house that is out of the reach of children and check for childproof safety caps for medication.
- Set water heater temperature at 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower to prevent burns and scalds.
- Turn pot handles away from the edge of the stove.
- Store cleaners and chemicals in their original containers in places where children can't get to them. Never store them under the sink, even if protected by safety latches.
- Keep knives and other sharp objects out of children's reach.
- Tuck away cords of electrical appliances so that small children cannot grab them.
- Replace electrical cords that are frayed or cracked or that become hot. Do not overload outlets and extension cords. Never run electrical cords under rugs.
- Put safety caps in all unused electrical outlets.
- Place house plants out of reach of children. Some are poisonous if eaten and others could injure a child if a heavy pot fell on them.
- Secure bookcases to the walls to prevent toddlers from pulling the cases over.
- Keep tools and garden chemicals out of children's reach.

The National Crime Prevention council offers this advice to keep property and family protected:

Check locks.

Door and window locks in most homes today might keep out someone who just rattles the knob, but they won't stop a determined or professional burglar. In more than 40 percent of residential burglaries, the thieves came in an unlocked door or window.

Every exterior door should have a dead-bolt lock with a one-inch throw. If you have a key-in-the-knob lock, install an auxiliary lock — a vertical bolt, cylinder dead-bolt, or horizontal-bolt model. And if you just moved into a new house or apartment, rekey the locks. You never know who may still have old keys. Also, do not hide your keys in mailboxes, planters, or under doormats. Give a duplicate key to a trusted neighbor instead.

Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks, with a rigid wooden dowel in the track or with a nail inserted through a hole drilled in the sliding door frame and projecting into the fixed frame. Lock double-hung windows with window key locks or by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner or the inside sash and part way through the outside sash. Consider grilles for basement or street-level windows if you live in a high-crime area.

Check doors.

Locks lose their effectiveness if they are installed in flimsy or weak doors. Make sure outside doors are solid, at least one-and-three-fourths inch metal or hard wood. Doors should fit tightly in their frames and hinges should be on the inside. Double check the door between the house and garage since that is a common entry spot for thieves. Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors, so you can see who is outside without opening the door. A short chain between the doors and the jamb is not a good substitute because it can be broken easily.

Look at the home from the outside. To discourage burglars, make sure that any shrubbery around doors and

windows is pruned so they will not hide anyone tampering with the entry points. Cut back tree limbs that could help a thief climb into second story windows. Keep the yard well-maintained and store ladders and tools inside the garage or basement when they are not in use. All entrances and porches should be well lit.

Consider an alarm system.

If living in an isolated area or in a neighborhood vulnerable to break-ins, explore the costs of an alarm system. The simplest in-house alarm system sets up a small electrical circuit across door locks and from window to frame. When this current is interrupted by someone opening the door or window, the alarm sounds. More sophisticated systems include sensing devices that set off a siren when an intruder disturbs a field of continually moving sound or radar waves. Advanced alarm systems can be monitored by a central station which alerts the police if a thief breaks in. These systems can include smoke/fire alarms and "help" or "panic" buttons to signal a medical or other emergency as well.

Have a family plan.

Remember that the goal is to avoid any confrontations with a burglar since there is a good chance he or she is armed. If a door is ajar, a screen is slit, or a window is broken when returning home — do not go inside. Call the police from a neighbor's house.

Prepare when leaving town.

Notify a trusted neighbor that has a view of the house of the vacation schedule and ask him or her to pick up mail, deliveries and newspapers. Put lights and a radio on timers to create the illusion that someone is home. Leave shades, blinds, and curtains in normal positions and arrange to have the lawn and garden maintained if long-term absence is expected. In winter ask a neighbor to remove snow from the sidewalk and driveway and to leave footprints around the home to make it look like someone is around.

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Tips for personalizing your home office

With an increasing number of people working from their homes today, many are looking at ways to convert spare bedrooms and other areas into workable office space. Outfitting your home with an office, however, requires quite a bit of planning. Adequate wiring is needed for phone, fax, answering machines, computers, printers, and copiers. The room requires ample desktop and storage space for this equipment as well as cabinetry and shelving for files and miscellaneous supplies. And the decor, as well as the design, must foster a sense of comfort and productivity.

"The mood the room creates can be just as important as how the room functions," said Stacy Senior, marketing manager for Thibaut Wallcoverings, a leading manufacturer specializing in home decor. "The layout of your home office should be organized, uncluttered, and 'businesslike,' but decorated so that it feels warm and inviting.

"Off-set the impersonal, hard lines of file cabinets, blinds, and office equipment with colors, patterns, fabric, and decorative items that express style and character," she said. After all, this room will serve as your center of livelihood, and it's where you will spend the greatest part of your day," she added.

Here's a list of tips the design experts at Thibaut have compiled for planning home office decor:

Define Usage

Will the room be used solely by you, or will it be shared with a spouse or family member for paying bills, doing homework, playing video games, etc? If the room is for you, the decor should reflect your own personal tastes and interests. You might like floral designs, a formal or traditional look to fit with the rest of your decor, or you might hang wallpapers or borders that remind you of favorite hobbies, like gardening, golf, or travel. If the room is shared, geometric stripes, tone-on-tone damasks, and architectural borders that are non-gender specific are a good option.

Examine Your Lifestyle

Let's assume you're the primary user of this room. Do you like bright, open spaces, or would you prefer something cozy and intimate? Are you looking for a calm, soothing environment, or decor that's energizing and stimulating? Savvy use of wallcoverings, borders and fabrics can help you achieve any of these looks. Clean,

open floral designs, for example, can be cheery and uplifting. Geometric patterns can energize. Tonal patterns provide a quiet, subdued appearance. Paired with a border, they can make either a formal or casual statement.

Create A Mood With Color

Examine the colors you like to wear. Surround yourself with what makes you feel good. Blues can be tranquil and soothing; yellows, which remind us of sunshine, can be enlivening. Greens evoke a soothing response, and reds are warming, while browns and natural tones equate with things "homey" and organic. Blacks, metallics, and neutrals are classic and timeless. If you live in a warm climate or if the office is located on the side of the house that's warmed by afternoon sun, you might decorate with blues to make the room seem cooler. Likewise, if you live in a cold climate or the room tends to be drafty, you might consider reds, yellows, and other warm tones.

Soften Windows And Furniture With Fabrics

Top off windows with roman shades or other simple, tailored treatments in a coordinating fabric. Fabric plays down the sterile look of blinds and shutters; it softens, warms, and absorbs sounds. You might also use this fabric on desk chairs — or on throw pillows to give warmth to sleek, ergonomically-designed furniture. Use coordinating fabrics or borders to decorate pencil holders, desk sets, wastepaper baskets, and lampshades. Cover old hatboxes and use them for storing miscellaneous office supplies.



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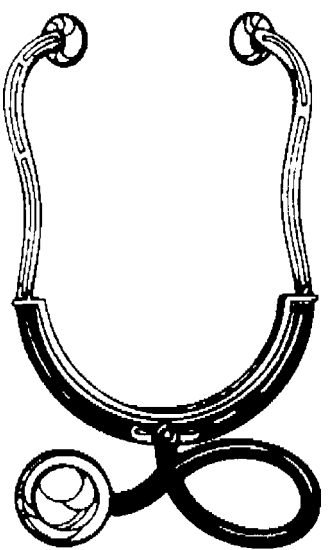
Display collectibles, favorite books, plants, memorabilia, family pictures, diplomas, or photos of co-workers in your office. Keep furniture clutter-free and place them on a narrow shelf that runs around the room at chair rail height, or just a few feet down from the ceiling, following the top of a cabinet, doorway, or window. Hang a border below the shelf that coordinates

with colors in carpets, rugs, desk chairs, and other rooms in the home.

Seek Advice

Wallpaper and decorating stores are helpful sources. Ask store personnel for wallpaper samples and fabric swatches to take home. Tack the samples to the wall and live with the designs for a while to view them under different light conditions at different times of the day.

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by Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Remember how beautiful your neighbor's yard was last year? A little yardwork now will spruce up the outside of your home, start your "spring cleaning" chores and make your summer yard chores easier.

First, rake the entire yard. Remove all sticks, leaves, and dead vegetation. Remove debris from all flower beds, shrubs and trees and loosen the soil around each. Mulches from last fall should be removed or troweled under.

Trim dead limbs from trees, shrubs and evergreens. If more ornamental borders or shade trees to the yard is planned, now is the best time to plant them. Keep air away from the roots as much as possible. After the trees or shrubs have been planted, water them well to seal them in the ground.



If there are fruit trees in the yard, apply the first dormant oil spray before the leaves appear. The application will eradicate insect bores that may have taken up winter residence.

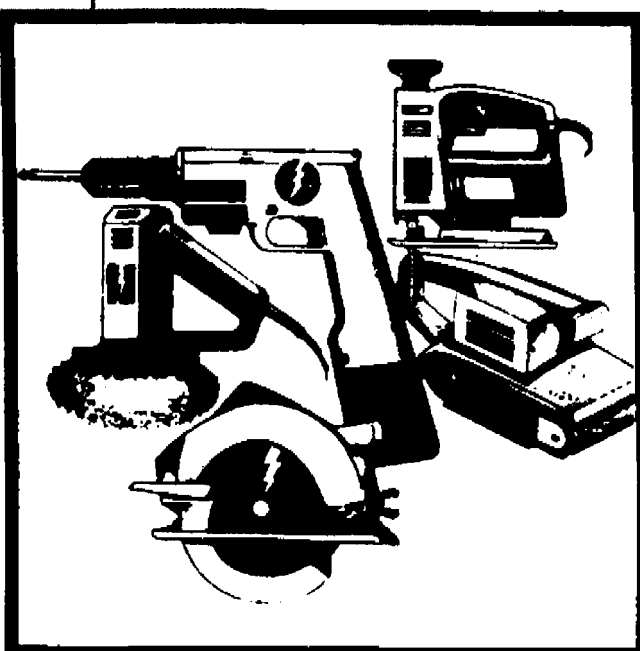
Once all raking, soil preparation and pruning chores are done, choose a well-balanced fertilizer program for the yard. A local nursery can identify a good program for the soil type. A 10-10-10 fertilizer, which has nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, is a good all-around mixture for most lawns. Apply all fertilizers evenly to avoid striping later. Follow watering directions for the fertilizer carefully, or damage may be done to the lawn.

Then put out the ornamental plants in the beds and borders and enjoy the results of the yardwork.



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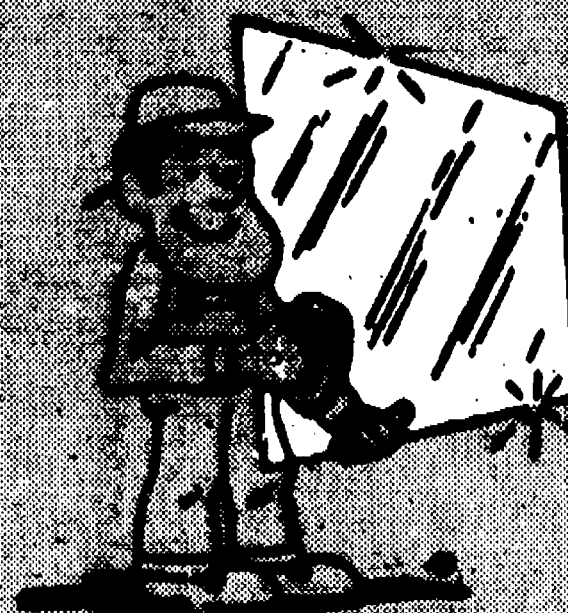
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Today's new home buyers want spacious homes with upscale amenities

by Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

What do today's new home buyers want? A house loaded with space, a large and convenient kitchen with solid-surface countertops, and upscale features such as nine-foot ceilings and separate toilet compartments, according to "What Today's Home Buyers Want," a new study performed by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and Fulton Research in conjunction with Home Guides of America.

The new home shoppers surveyed have a median age of 39 years and a median household income of \$64,394. More than three-fourths already own a home and most are married couples.

One message conveyed loud and

clear in the survey is the desire for a spacious home. While the median size of the shoppers' current home is 1,700 square feet, they want 2,200 square feet in their new home. The median size of homes built in 1994 was 1,945 square feet.

More shoppers want a two-story home (49 percent) than a single-story home (40 percent). Just 11 percent want a split level. About half of the shoppers prefer a full basement, 20 percent want a half-basement and the rest don't want a basement at all.

When it comes to ceilings, shoppers want height. Just one in five shoppers prefers eight-foot ceilings, while 80



percent want nine-foot or higher ceilings on the first floor.

Continuing a popular trend of the last few years, nearly half of new home shoppers say they want the kitchen and family room to be adjacent and visually open, but with a half-wall separating the two rooms. Thirty-one percent prefer a completely open arrangement, while just 10 percent say the rooms should be completely separate.

For extra space, more than half of potential new home shoppers say they would like a minimum of four bedrooms; 39 percent would accept

three bedrooms. Just 30 percent of new single-family homes completed in 1994 had four or more bedrooms, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Continuing the spaciousness theme, 39 percent of home shoppers say they would like a three-car garage, even considering the extra cost; all remaining shoppers want a two-car garage.

To hold down costs, 45 percent of shoppers say they would prefer unfinished space, such as a basement or bonus room over the garage that could be finished later. Thirty-four percent said they would choose to live farther from shopping and entertainment; 34 percent would take a smaller lot and 32 percent said they would choose an "expandable home." Just 24 percent said they would sacrifice square footage to save money.

In the kitchen, new home shoppers are adamant about wanting space and convenience. Features they most want are ample counter space, a double sink, a place for a table and chairs and a walk-in pantry. Of six different materials for counter and kitchen work space, most home shoppers want a solid surface material, such as Corian, and 52 percent want ceramic tile.

In the bath, a linen closet tops the list of desired bathroom features, followed by an exhaust fan, separate shower, water temperature control, a private toilet compartment, a whirlpool tub, and multiple shower heads. Shoppers also want a dressing/make-up area, ceramic tile, and solid-surface vanity top and sink. The preferred color in the bath is white.

Given their choice of extra rooms for convenience and luxury, home shoppers most want a laundry room, followed by a dining room. Asked for their preference for one room over another, home shoppers said they would prefer to have a much larger family room and no living room, or what is commonly called a "great room."



Buyers beware: Older homes need physical check-ups

Few modern homes can beat the charm and character of America's homes built before the 20th century. Natural wood beams and trim, built-in cabinets and cozy bedroom alcoves are only a few of the features that make older homes special and attractive to many home buyers.

Yet along with their appealing style and atmosphere many of these houses also possess an array of ailments and conditions specifically because of their age. The American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), the international organization of home inspection professionals, cautions buyers to be aware of these problems when they shop.

While a lot may be learned about a home by its outward appearance, its interior condition and future lifespan can only be evaluated by an expert on home construction—the professional home inspector.

Ron Passaro, founder and past president of ASHI, said that ASHI inspectors know what to look for in older homes, and how to "listen" to what they may have to say. For example:

Plumbing

The plumbing of an older house must be looked at very carefully, since it could be on its second or third generation of piping. If incompatible metals have been mixed in the piping there may be extensive corrosion.

Settlement

In addition to possible damage to the foundation, settlement of the structure can also cause problems in the plumbing system. Pipes that were once pitched properly to carry waste water away may now be pitched the



wrong way if settlement is severe.

Sagging

A common problem in older homes, sagging is often compounded by alterations to the house. Support structures are often cut with no thought to their ability to carry the weight of the building.

Wiring System

When many of the older houses were wired, the only electrical requirements were a couple of lights and an occasional outlet—clearly inadequate for today's needs. If the electrical system has not been modernized, or if modernization has been done by amateurs, a sizeable expenditure may be anticipated.

Energy Conservation

When these old homes were built, this was not even a consideration. Special attention must be paid to the conservation measures that may or may not have been installed.

Proper Ventilation

On the other hand, an unknowing homeowner, in an attempt to seal and insulate his house, may have created more problems than he solved. A house can be made energy efficient, but it must also breathe.

Heating System

The transition from old systems (wood or coal burning stoves) to modern oil- or gas-fired central heating was often made by alterations to the existing equipment. Sometimes these modifications were done properly; more often they were not, and supplemental heat is frequently needed. In addition, heat distribution pipes or ducts may have deteriorated with age and need replacement.

ASHI advises home buyers to look closely at these aspects themselves before they fall in love with that quaint home of their dreams, and to have a professional home inspection before they commit to a purchase.



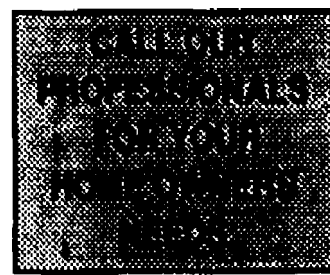
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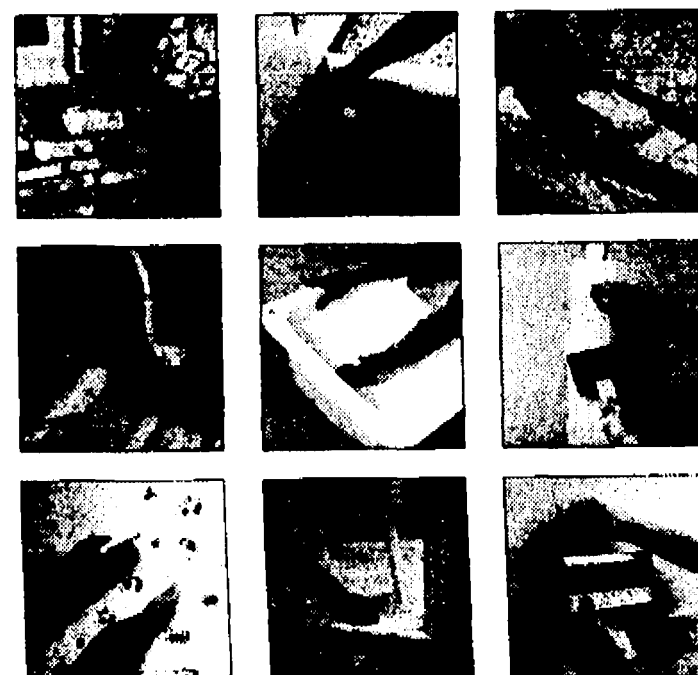
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Four simple steps to perfect lawn patching

There's a hole in your otherwise very acceptable, if not perfect lawn. Maybe the dog or kids dug a hole. Maybe you're changing the shape of a garden or flower bed. Or maybe salt from sidewalk deicing caused the problem.

Whatever the cause of this unsightly problem, there's a fast, easy and certain solution that's often overlooked by many homeowners.

Whether it's called cultivated turf, turfgrass, turf, or just plain sod, this carpet-like grass can turn a hole in a lawn into a whole lot of lawn, with just four simple steps according to the not-for-profit Turf Resource Center (TRC).

Soil Preparation

An essential first step in the entire process of patching a lawn is proper soil preparation. This includes clearing away all the dead or near-dead grass and possibly squaring up the area, or creating straight lines on all of the sides you are repairing.

Once the area has been defined, maybe by going so far as to lay a hose on the ground to outline the repair area, you should loosen the soil by spading or rototilling larger areas. Rake the surface smooth and remove any large clods, roots, weeds or other debris to achieve a level surface that maintains the original slope of the area.

A helpful tip from TRC is to make sure that when the final raking is in progress, the soil should be about an inch below any sidewalk or driveway surfaces as well as the area where the new sod will come into contact with the existing grass. When the new sod is installed following this advice, it will be at the same height as the surrounding surfaces. Otherwise, the new sod may be too high or too low, creating new problems that could have been easily avoided.

Measuring and Buying Sod

Once the surface is prepared, the area should be carefully measured so that the correct amount of turfgrass sod can be purchased.

In most areas, sod is sold by the square foot or square yard, with a single roll measuring approximately one square yard, or nine square feet. Slabs or folded pieces of sod available in some areas will not be as large, but their dimensions will be uniform and the total amount of sod can be easily calculated at the turfgrass sod farm or retail garden nursery.

If the "ground under repair" is relatively small, say less than 10 square yards, you can probably load the sod into the trunk of a larger car; however, if the trunk is small or the repair area large, you may have to make several trips or have the sod delivered.

Calling ahead to the farm or nursery to ensure you can obtain the quality and type of sod you want is always recommended. If the sod will be delivered, advance time is even more important and you should expect to pay a separate delivery charge on very small quantities.

So that the new grass closely matches the existing lawn, it's a good idea to take a small piece of the existing grass to the sod farm or nursery center. However, attempting to match even known varieties may prove impossible because of turfgrass breeding improvements that continue to take place almost every year.

Turf Installation

Because turfgrass sod is a living plant, TRC recommends that it be installed in 24 hours or less and watered within 30 minutes after installation, so having the soil fully prepared before the sod is purchased is very important.

Installation is simple, but some care is required to achieve a really great result. Install the first piece of sod on the outermost area of the repair, along a straight-line surface if possible. If the sod was rolled, be sure to back-roll the leading and trailing edges of the sod piece to make sure it will stay flat on the soil. Be careful not to pull or stretch the sod as you install it, or in an effort to force a fit. After being stretched, sod has a tendency to pull back to its original dimensions, which could ultimately result in gaps between pieces.

Using the first piece as a base, place all of the other pieces tightly against the first by butting the edges and ends tightly together, but not overlapping. If the area is large enough, stagger the end seams in a brick-like pattern.

A sharp utility, hunting or butcher knife should be used to cut pieces to fit the proper dimension. This is most easily done by placing an oversized piece in place, folding it back to where you need to trim and then cutting the piece from the root-soil side. This method reduces ripping of the sod and leaves a nice straight finished edge.

Water, Water, Water

With the sod firmly in place, the last step is the easiest yet perhaps the most important — watering.



You need to apply enough water to new sod so that the soil beneath the sod is thoroughly wet. As noted earlier, watering should be started within 30 minutes after installation.

An easy way to see if you've applied enough water is to gently lift a convenient corner of the new sod. If the base soil isn't thoroughly wet, keep watering. Water daily, or more often in extremely hot weather, for approximately two weeks or until the sod is firmly rooted. Again, gently lifting a corner after a few days will reveal how well the sod is rooting. Within about a week, light tugging, without actually lifting the piece, will

tell you the sod is rooted.

Turfgrass sod isn't just for whole lawns. It is also a convenient and simple way to patch small areas. Its major advantage over seeding is that it is virtually instant. Because it's instant, you know what the result will be and more important of all, you can enjoy your yard faster.

For additional information about turfgrass sod installation and other turf care tips, the Turf Resource Center offers a variety of complimentary brochures. Send requests to TRC, Dept. HI-4, 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

Suspended ceiling completes a finished basement

If you're a homeowner who's thinking about increasing your home's living space, it's time to explore the basement.

According to a survey of remodeling contractors, finishing an unfinished basement is one of the most inexpensive ways to add more space to a home. It is far less costly than an addition, and a proven way to increase the value of your home.

Regardless of whether you do the work yourself, hire a professional contractor, or combine a little of each, make sure there's enough headroom. Most building codes require a minimum of 7-1/2 feet from floor to ceiling.

When planning the ceiling, interior designers say suspended or "drop" ceilings are usually the best choice because they cover exposed floor joists in an attractive manner while permitting access to the pipes, ductwork and wiring above the ceilings.

The ceiling panels used in these ceilings are usually 2' x 2' or 2' x 4' in size, are installed in a metal grid system that is suspended from the floor joists, and are available in a variety of designs for any decor or budget.

Some feature a subtle, overall refined surface texture. Others have a distinctive, smooth-surfaced raised panel pattern that is reminiscent of Old World woodwork. Still others offer a fine-textured repeating pattern with a classic stepped edge that helps 'hide' the grid system.

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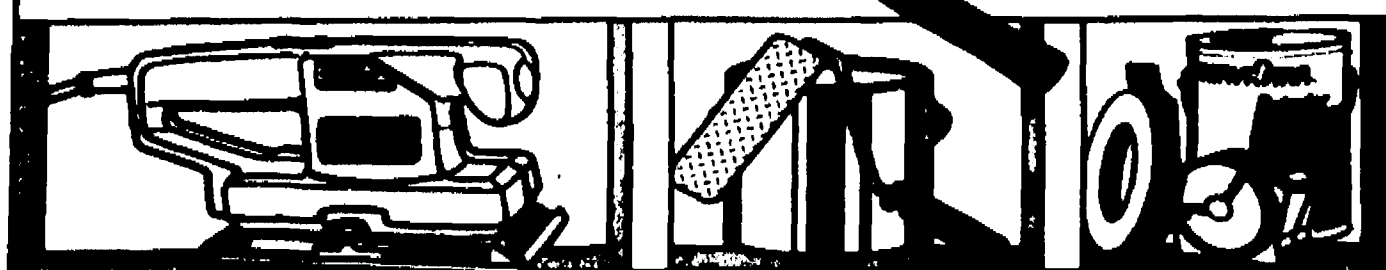
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Expert wants home buyers to become informed consumers

Home building customer relations expert Carol Smith is helping new home buyers become savvy consumers.

"I want home buyers to become informed customers who understand the building process and the product they are buying," said Smith. "Many new home buyers end up dissatisfied because they have not looked, read or listened carefully enough."

According to Smith, who has 21 years of experience in the home-building field, the most important step in having a new home built is selecting a builder. In her book "Building Your Home: An Insider's Guide," she advises consumers to pay close attention to choosing a builder that not only has exemplary knowledge and skills, but is also someone with whom they feel comfortable working.

Smith recommends starting the process by creating a preliminary list of potential builders from sources such

as professional building organizations, licensing boards, advertising, word-of-mouth and real estate agents. After eliminating some building companies based on size, design or price, customers should look closely at each builder's finished work and work in progress. At the sites, note the quality of the site management (Are the building materials protected from weather and theft? Is the site clean of construction debris?).

Consumers also should ask for an overview of how the building process will occur and copies of all of the builder's documents, including contracts and warranties. Examining the detail of a builder's documents demonstrates how precise a builder is in communicating with customers. Finally, new home buyers should make sure to call several references.

"Building Your Home" is a meticulous look at the building process and provides information on selecting

a builder as well as on choosing a site, budgeting and financing, warranties, the construction process, orientation, closing, and maintenance. The book is the second in the "An Insider's Guide" series published by Home Builder Press, the book-publishing arm of the National Association of Home Builders, which also includes "Remodeling Your Home" by Carol Davitt (\$19.95).

Home Builder Press has prepared a FREE Home Building Planner to help consumers match their ideal home to their site, plan, builder and budget. To receive a copy of this publication, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Home Builder Press, NAHB, 1201 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005.

"Building Your Home: An Insider's Guide" is \$19.95 and is available through bookstores or directly from Home Builder Press, NAHB, 1201 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005, 800-223-2665.



INFORMED CONSUMERS -- From the entrance of the home to the rear of the structure, a potential home buyer should check and become informed of the entire home before the purchase is made. Officials also would like consumers to be able to better understand the building process.

Empty nest home improvement tips offered for parents

When children leave home, it's always a transitional time. But you can take advantage of your newly found space and privacy by revamping your home into what you've always dreamed about.

The later years in life are a great time to renovate due to an increase in time and cash flow. But, be prepared for disarray. Any kind of home improvement project can be inconvenient, time consuming and costly.

Fortunately, we have tips that can make your growing pains a little less painful.

1. Be prepared for unexpected expense.

Set out with a game plan before you start remodeling. However, be flexible enough to deal with the old pipes or faulty wiring. Put extra money aside in case you must replace them. Talk to prospective contractors about possible problem areas.

2. Use a contractor you trust.

Finding a competent contractor takes time and homework. Ask friends and neighbors what contractors they use. When you begin to narrow your choices, ask for references. If a contractor does quality work, he'll be happy to provide you with as many references as you need. When you've decided on a contractor, make sure he understands your home improvement desires and budget. A lack of communication can throw a wrench into a large undertaking. Ultimately, using an experienced craftsman might cost you a little more, but in the long run you'll be saving thousands.

3. Put a lid on the dust storm.

Plaster dust travels everywhere. To cut down on it, keep your windows and doors shut; wind will cause the dust to blow and spread to other areas of the home. You can also cover carpet with rolls of heavy plastic. Finally, hiring a cleaning service to do periodic vacuuming and dusting might make

your mess a little smaller when the job is done.

4. Protect art and home furnishings.

Storing valuable art with a friend or professional during a building project is a good idea. Due to a change in temperature, using an attic, basement or garage for storage might cause permanent damage to valuable pieces. If you keep paintings or sculpture in your home during renovation, cover the corners and face with cardboard. Then cover the cardboard with bubble-wrap and tie it up.

5. Arrange an eating alternative.

When your home is in the middle of construction, eating out might be the simplest solution. But this can become costly if you're having extended renovations. If your kitchen is too tied up to use, consider setting up a temporary kitchen away from the construction. A basement with running water is a perfect place for this arrangement. Move the refrigerator (or borrow a small one), move the coffee maker, toaster and microwave to your new area. Buy some paper plates and you're set.

6. Create your own Shangri-La.

Until your home is completed, try to assign one room as your special place for some tranquility. Adding your favorite furniture and mementos can help take the stress out of daily chaos.

7. If all else fails — get away from home.

If life becomes unbearable while your home is in metamorphosis, get away from it all. Go on a short vacation or visit friends or family. A quick trip might be just what you need to get through your transitional time and revive.

8. Are all the I's dotted and T's crossed?

To make sure all the renovations are proceeding as planned, take time after every work day to thoroughly inspect the work. Make sure you're satisfied with the construction in progress. It's

easier to make changes in the initial stages, rather than waiting until the project is completed. Don't settle for anything less than what you want.

Home renovations can be a major undertaking. But if you remember a few simple tips, you can be spared money, worry and hassle. Now is the time to enjoy your new life and your new home. Growing pains have never been so painless.

Home fire prevention is important

Fire safety begins with eliminating fire hazards. A simple message, but not something many of us take the time to act upon. With National Fire Safety Awareness Week slated for Oct. 6-12 this year, now is the time to begin removing potential fire hazards from your home.

Some tasks for a more fire safe home include:

The Kitchen

- Keep cooking surfaces free of grease buildups.
- Make sure curtain, napkins, pot holders and aprons are kept away from burners and heat.

- Check that major appliances such as the dishwasher and refrigerator are in working order. Clean them periodically and have them maintained by a qualified service technician.

The Family Room

- Have chimneys and fireplaces professionally inspected by qualified technicians.
- Check space heater for frayed or damaged wiring.

The Living Room

- Move any furniture that blocks access to windows and doors.

The Bedroom

- Never smoke cigarettes, cigars or pipes in bed.
- Keep small appliances, such as hair dryers unplugged when not in use.

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Michigan ranks seventh in 1997 housing starts

Michigan ranked seventh in the nation in new home starts for 1996. 1996 housing project starts in Michigan were up 10.8 percent from 1995. The 90s have been a good decade for Michigan with each year improving on the previous year.

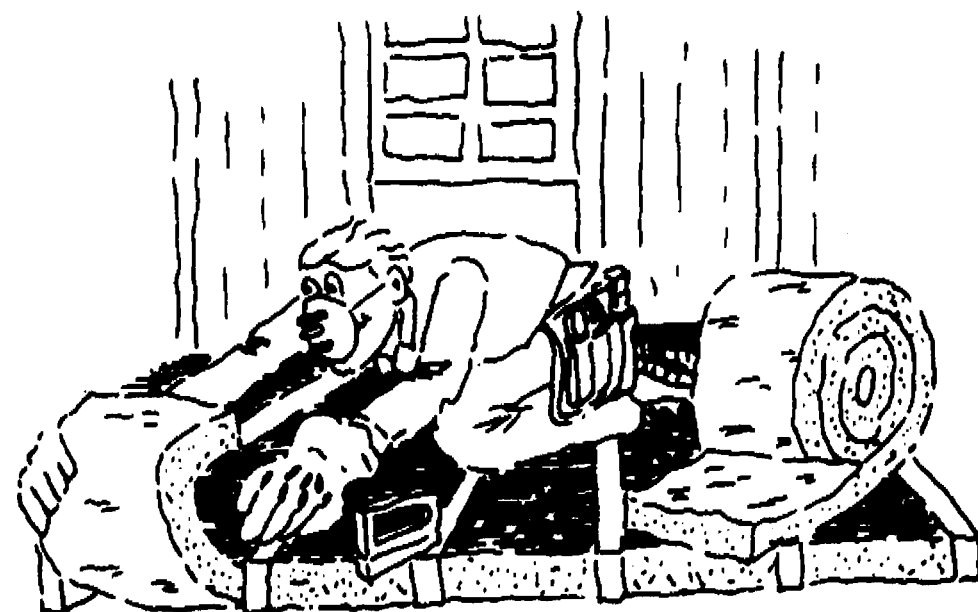
"The 'American Dream' is alive and well in Michigan," commented Rick Delamater, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. "People want a place they can call their own, a place to raise families. There is a deep emotional attachment to their home — it's a place where they can express themselves and feel safe. A home provides security, both physical and financial."

However, the attachment people have with their home is fast becoming more emotional than financial. In fact, this is a national trend. In a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), 72 percent of the respondents said that a home's meaning to them is as a place to live whereas 28 percent saw it as important as an investment. This emotional tie is even stronger in those who own a newly built home.

Owners of new homes are more likely to take pride in their homes, in part because they have often participated in the design of their homes, thus personalizing the asset. New homes have other advantages as well. They often offer newer products, more energy efficiency, home offices, the cabling and wiring necessary for tomorrow's technology, and take less to maintain.

While the emotional ties grow, the two economic factors of price and value still rank the highest in importance when deciding to purchase a home. Homeownership rates have been rising for the last 15 years and may set a record high this year according to NAHB's chief economist David Seiders.

This continued rise in homeownership can be attributed in part to favorable mortgage rates. Fixed-rate mortgages remained virtually unchanged at 7.57 percent in December as compared to 7.59 percent in November. Additionally, lumber prices for 1,000 board feet of framing lumber fell to \$429 in December from \$471 in November.



Ten energy-saving ideas

Using energy wisely can reduce consumption and save money on utility bills. Here are some tips:

1. Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings, such as pipes or ducts — with caulking or weather-stripping.
2. Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter, at least 5 degrees lower when sleeping, and at 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours. (Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly persons or infants).
3. Set water heater temperatures at 140 degrees (at 120 degrees in homes with infants or elderly persons to guard against accidental scalding), and install water-flow restrictors in showerheads and faucets.
4. Change filters or clean the units in heating and cooling units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. If pipes or ducts run through unheated areas, insulate them.
5. Use drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar screens to keep sunlight out in

the summer and let it in during the winter.

6. Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) have the recommended level of insulation.

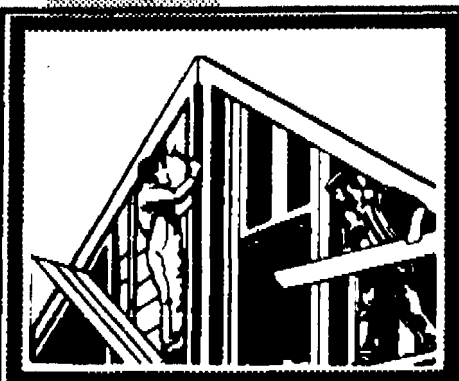
7. If you have a woodburning fireplace, consider installing a natural gas fireplace insert, which can save on energy costs compared with wood. A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood.

8. Consider storm or thermal windows and doors or double paned glass. A less-expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to retain heat or air conditioning.

9. Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers are fully loaded before running.

10. When buying new appliances, compare energy efficiency ratings and annual operating costs. A slightly higher initial cost for a high-efficiency appliance could pay itself back in a very short time through energy savings and lower utility bills.

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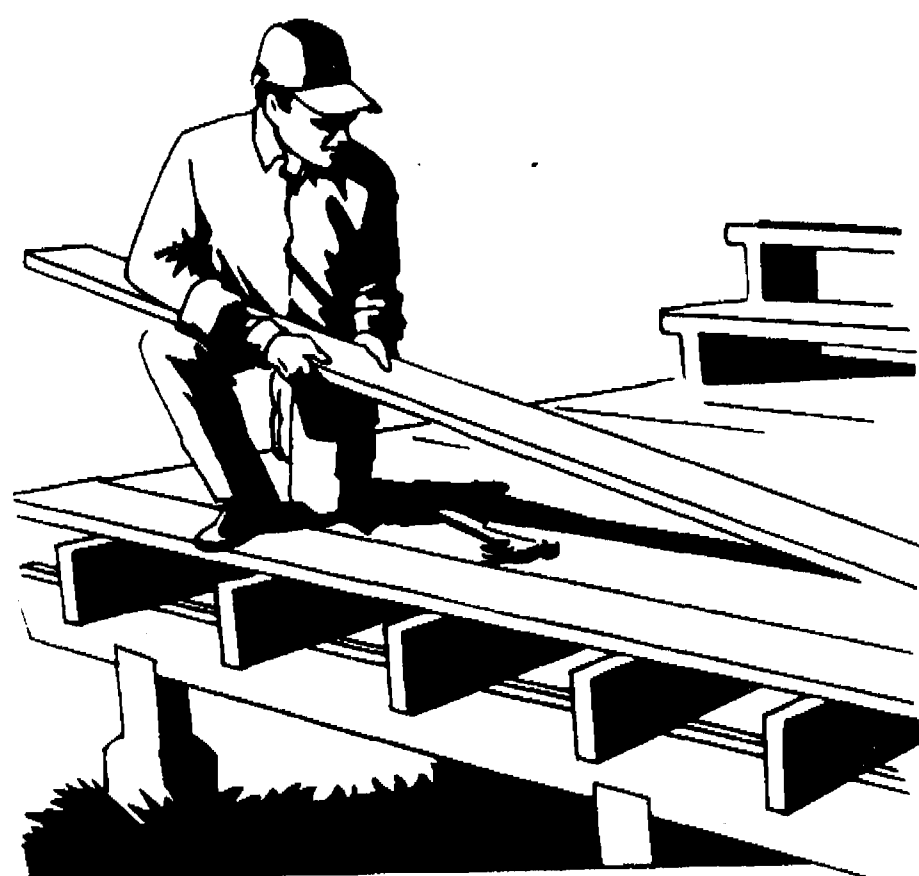
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Stop the tiny yet tenacious from tampering with your home

The existence of ants can be traced to the times of the mighty dinosaurs. But unlike the once formidable dinosaurs, ants have multiplied the world over to create an abundance of species (more than 10,000) — and an abundance of problems.

Ants enter a home in search of food, water and shelter. And they share in their plentiful discoveries, leaving behind a chemical trail from the food source to the nest, to alert others to partake in the bounty. What is the best way to eliminate these unwanted guests?

Preventive maintenance is the first step. Remove garbage regularly, dispose of leftover food, and clean all spills. Eliminate the obvious entry points for unwelcome invaders. Caulk windows and doors, replace torn screens, and repair cracks in the foundation, basement and chimney.

Also, take away their hiding places. Trim or remove unessential foliage which may be found around the base

of the house or hanging on the roof. Move wood piles away from the structure and do not stack directly on the ground.

If ants still persist, Dursban insecticide offers proven control against these pests. Dursban is available in a variety of formulations for home and lawn pest control including liquids, dusts, aerosols, granulars and baits.

A simple, convenient application of Dursban around the home's exterior can prevent pest entry. Known as a perimeter treatment, this method sets up a protective barrier against intruders and minimizes the need for pesticide applications inside the home.

Apply the product along the base of the house and two- to four-feet away from the home. A granular formulation around the home helps the product reach the ground cover or mulch to the soil where the pests live. For extra protection, apply a liquid formulation two- to four-feet up the side of the building and around doors, windows, utility entrances and other possible access areas.

Keep children and pets away from treated areas until the product is dry. Always read and follow label directions.

Weather wreaks havoc on concrete

Simple procedures make problem solving easy

There are four kinds of weather conditions that can wreak havoc on concrete porches, steps, walls, foundations and driveways: hot, cold, damp and dry. If your property has been exposed to any of those, chances are there are places that could use some repairs.

To tackle these problems there are many sealers and fillers formulated with adhesives designed to bond to the damaged area and fill in those cracks. They can make the job quick and easy, said Kerry Lane, technical manager for Red Devil, Inc., a leading manufacturer of home improvement products. He offers these suggestions for sealing cracks and shoring up walls.

- Home structural damage needs professional care.
- A patch of new cement applied to an old cement structure will not adhere unless an adhesion promoter such as latex or acrylic polymer is brushed on first.
- Basic concrete mortar can be used for chipped steps, foundations and walkways, and vertical cracks one-eighth inch or smaller.
- Small cracks may also be repaired with a blacktop/driveway repair, solvent-based clear caulk or polyurethane sealant available in cartridge form.
- Widen any small cracks into a V-shape to allow more complete surface contact.
- For cracks one-quarter inch or

larger, apply the appropriate sealant after a closed cell polyethylene backer rod has been forced into the crack, up to about one-half inch below the surface.

• For those vertical surfaces and horizontal areas where water does not collect, pre-mixed acrylic patch repair made for stucco and cement is quick and easy to apply in one step with a putty knife.

• Remember, filler can seal a crack but it cannot stop settling, which may cause future cracks.

• A basic concrete mortar repair compound may be used for chips and between bricks and cinder blocks.

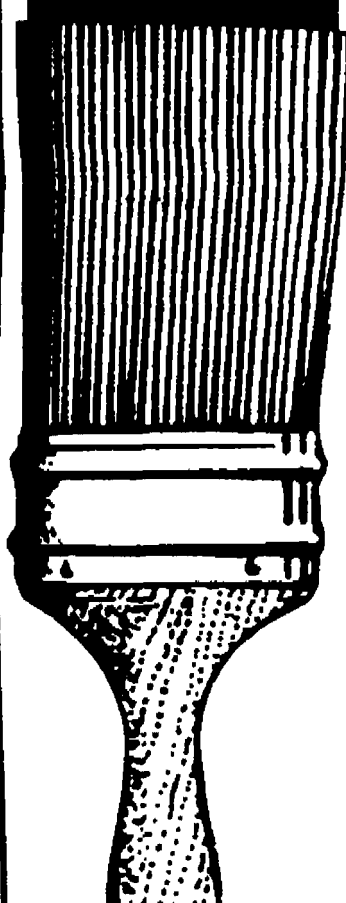
• An acrylic-based lightweight concrete repair product may be used on vertical and horizontal surfaces if water is not a problem.

• Fill small driveway cracks up to one-eighth of an inch with a butyl rubber/asphalt formula black top repair product available in cartridges. Use a flexible putty knife to smooth.

• Driveway cracks that are three-sixteens of an inch or larger should be repaired with a solvent-based clear caulk or polyurethane and plastic backer rod.

Concrete and mortar repairs are easier than ever with the right tools and sealants. If you repair damage now, your property will look great all year and you'll be prepared for the next bout of weather, whatever it may be.

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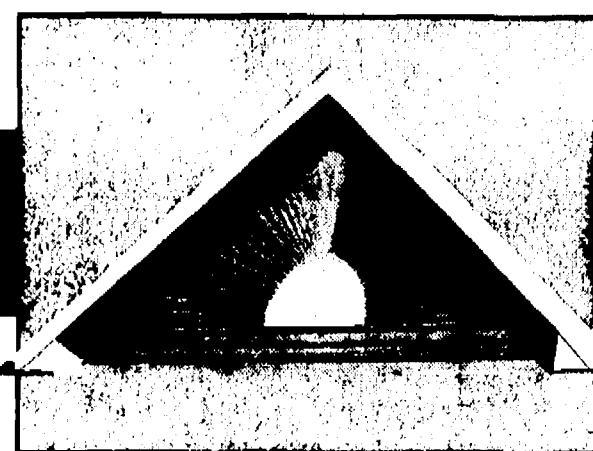
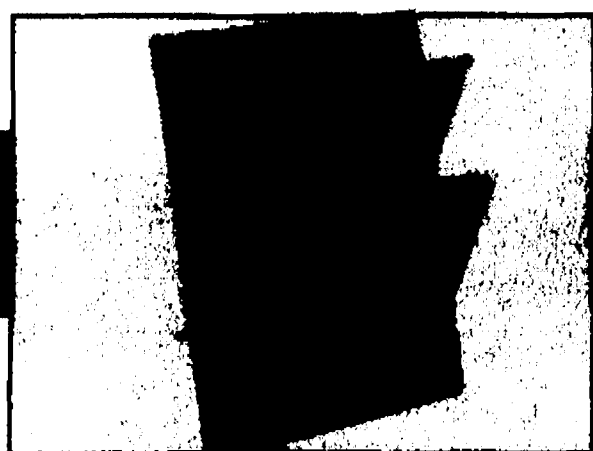
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Edible Flowers

Variety of plants enhance garden, dinner table

by Lakshmi Sundaram

One of my favorite gardening mottoes is to get the most out of my garden with the least possible effort. To this end, I like to choose varieties of plants that enhance the garden as much as they do the dinner table and plate. Our ancestors knew all about the culinary and medicinal benefits of flowers, and before the discovery of spices, flowers were used in many early American and Asiatic recipes.

There are a few rules that should be adhered to before you rush out and grab a bunch of toxic bleeding heart to garnish loved one's salad:

1. Never use a flower unless you have checked and double checked that it is safe. Many flowers are quite toxic.
2. Make sure that the flowers are organically grown. Don't use florist's flowers as they have often been grown using chemicals and treated to preserve their freshness. Roadside specimens are usually covered in dust and exhaust

fumes and are not a good idea either. Some varieties may be available at your local supermarket but the best and safest are those you grow organically yourself.

3. With most flowers you should remove the stamens and pistils prior to consumption.

4. Like any other new food, try small amounts at first to avoid any possible allergic reaction.

Here is a list of some of the more common and flavorful flowers that will add more than an attractive garnish to your next meal.

BEE BALM: Chosen as the herb of the year for 1996 by the International Herb Association, bee balm is a highly attractive, somewhat invasive, perennial member of the mint family. It effuses a citrusy fragrance and taste and was used as a medicinal tea by the Amerindians. The bright flowers are delicious in salads or as a mild

seasoning for desserts and jellies.

BORAGE: Called the herb of gladness and courage, this self-seeding annual is easy to grow and produces beautiful star-shaped blue flowers. Both the leaves and the flowers are delicious, with flavor suggestive of cucumber.

CALENDULA: The pot marigold is a hardy annual that makes almost as good a cut flower as it does a culinary ingredient. Its petals can be used as a garnish, a coloring or an enhancement to flavor stews and soups.

DAY LILY: This prolific perennial has large flowers that last but a day, hence its name. Open flowers can be stuffed and deep fried. The buds should be picked just as they begin to show color and included in salads or stir fries. They can also be pickled or served with a sauce.

JOHNNY-JUMP-UP: My all-time favorite, this cheerful flower is one of

the first to appear in the spring. Its violet and yellow face, with a flavor reminiscent of wintergreen, will brighten up any salad. They self-seed readily and are extremely hardy perennials.

LAVENDER: Known primarily for its aromatic qualities, this tender perennial (hardy to zone five) is also at home in the kitchen. The flowers can be used in desserts, salads or teas and used to flavor jellies and vinegars. Use it sparingly as it imparts a very strong flavor.

NASTURTIUM: If you like watercress, you will love nasturtiums. These annuals will grow in the worst of soils. All parts of this plant can be eaten and the flowers are particularly beautiful. Their peppery taste will liven up any salad or sandwich.

The above is but a smattering of some familiar edible flowers. Others include chives, English daisy, forget-me-not, fuchsia, geranium, hollyhock, impatiens, lilac, mint flower, portulaca, redbud, snapdragon and sunflower.

Once you are sure that a flower is edible, be daring and include it in a meal!

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Checklist of tips for spring gardening posted

The American Association of Nurserymen (AAN) offers the following general guidelines for spring yard and garden maintenance. For landscaping schedules specific to your area, clip this list and review it with your local garden center professional.

✓ Kick off a lawn maintenance program. Fertilize, seed or mow depending on your turf's requirements.

✓ Take a soil sample to establish baseline information. Sample testing determines the pH of your soil and tells you what nutrients your garden needs. In many regions, cooperative extension agents can assist with this service.

✓ Start vegetable seeds indoors or in a cold frame structure outdoors. Cool weather crops include turnips, kale, sweet peas, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots. Most seeds of warm weather crops, such as tomatoes and peppers, require 70 degree temperatures to germinate. Many wildflowers require spring sowing too. Seed packets specify when to start seeds in your growing zone.

✓ Prepare beds. Till soil and remove any dead plant material. Amend if necessary with organic material — compost, aged manure, etc.

✓ Composting can be done all year long, but spring is a great time to start a compost pile if you haven't done so already. Many garden centers sell composting bins, or you can make one from chicken wire. County extension agents are a good source of information on composting methods.

✓ Establish new annual beds after frost danger has passed.

✓ If you didn't plant perennials last fall, do it now before summer heat sets in. Spring is also a good opportunity to revamp existing perennial beds by fertilizing, adding new mulch or dividing plants. Your garden center may have a selection of books on perennials.

✓ Late winter and early spring are ideal times to prune young specimen trees. Before trees have leafed out, remove damage and crossing branches or limbs that may be in the way of pedestrian and structures. Pruning is a chance to develop a strong central leader branch and an attractively shaped tree.

✓ Prune spring-blooming shrubs like azaleas, rhododendrons and forsythias after they've bloomed. While you're waiting for bloom cycles to complete, go ahead and prune non-flowering broad-leaved evergreens like tea olives and hollies to maintain shape or reduce size.

✓ Fertilize young shrubs and trees to increase size and encourage growth.

✓ Make sure all danger of frost is over before moving potted plants back outdoors. When situating plants on porch or patio, do it carefully. Acclimate plants gradually to brighter light and variable temperatures. Repot or fertilize if necessary.

✓ Garden centers are inspiring, colorful places in spring. Visit yours for ideas and to check out new plant varieties.

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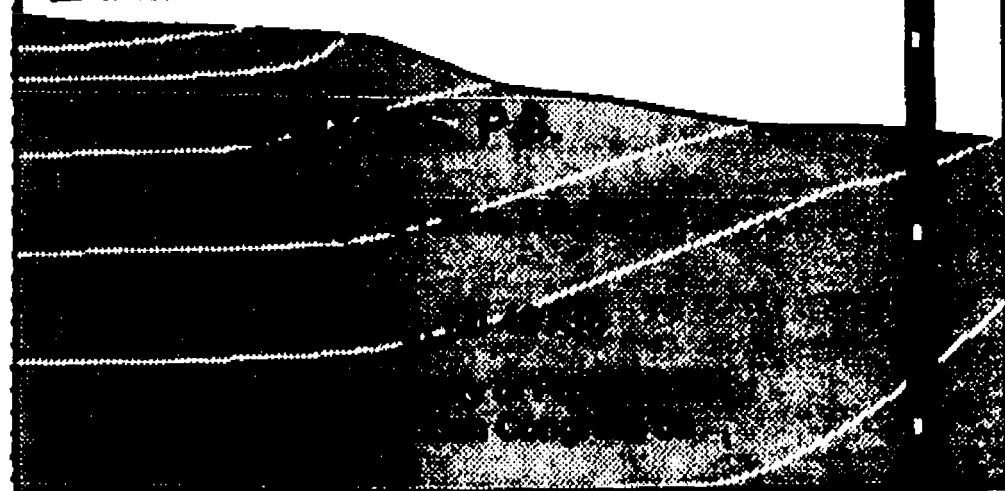
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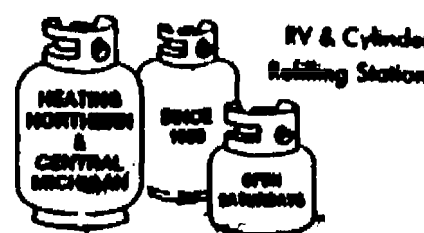
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Home builders are optimistic about homeownership and the economy

by Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

If you think of your home's investment value differently today than you did 10 years ago, you're not alone. Although consumer perceptions of a home as a good investment have changed in the past decade, according to a survey of builders attending the National Association of Home Builders' 53rd Annual Convention and Exposition in Houston, the desirability of homeownership has not diminished. Almost half of the 591 builders surveyed said that home buyers' perceptions of a home as a good investment have definitely changed in the past 10 years. However, this change in attitude reflects more realistic expectations due to the low inflation environment of recent years; homeownership remains one of the most cherished of all American dreams. Homeownership rates are rising and today, people are more likely to view their homes as much more than just a financial investment.

Although most people want to own their own home, there are obstacles in their way. The builders polled said major problems faced by first-time buyers include high home prices and accumulating the cash for a downpayment and closing costs. Major problems faced by trade-up buyers include inability to sell their homes and high home prices.

Still, builders are optimistic about economic prospects for 1997. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent, economic prospects for 1997 were rated at 3.8. Twenty percent of those polled said that they expected housing starts to be somewhat to significantly higher this year than last, but only two percent said they expected housing starts to be somewhat to significantly less than in 1996. Half of those surveyed said they expect sales of single-family homes to be about the same as last year, and another 39 percent said they expect sales to be better than in 1996.

Despite their optimism for the coming year, builders are concerned over a number of major national and industry issues. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being "extremely important," builders rated the mortgage interest deduction at 4.3 and tax reform at 4.1. The most significant problems that they anticipate in 1997 are availability/price of skilled labor, lumber availability/prices, and the cost and

availability of developed lots.

More than half of those polled said that codes and regulations affecting new home construction do not allow them to build affordable housing in their market. The most significant obstructions include the development and permit approval process, impact fees/system expansion charges, low density zoning, and development fees.

Perhaps reflecting the impact of those regulations on housing, 77 percent of those who build homes for sale said they expect their prices for comparable homes to increase during the coming year. Less than one-fifth said the prices of the homes they sell will remain the same.

Three-quarters of those surveyed said they expect the cost of undeveloped lots in their market to be somewhat to significantly higher this year, and 77 percent said they expect the cost of developed lots to be

somewhat to significantly higher than last year.

At present, 68 percent of those polled build for trade-up buyers, 45 percent build for first-time buyers, 23 percent for empty nesters, 20 percent for the elderly and 11 percent for vacation home buyers. In comparison, five years from now 33 percent expect to build for empty nesters and 31 percent expect to build for elderly buyers, most likely as a result of shifting demographics and the aging of baby boomers.

New building products are emerging in the marketplace. Forty percent of those polled said they currently use engineered wood products and another 27 percent said they are planning to use them. Ten percent use steel framing for load-bearing walls and 18 percent are planning to use it. Likewise, 8 percent use steel framing for non-load-bearing walls and 18 percent are planning to use it. Concrete block is

used by 12 percent of builders surveyed and another 8 percent intend to use it in the future.

Remodeling

Demand for remodeling remains high, the survey found. Among the remodelers surveyed, 69 percent said that calls to their firm for bids on remodeling jobs increased during 1996.

More than half expect remodeling activity in their area to be better this year than in 1996 and 42 percent expect it to be about the same. Remodeling has grown dramatically in recent years, and these expectations are consistent with that growth. Total remodeling expenditures were \$117 billion in 1996 and are projected at \$123 billion this year.

Like builders, remodelers face a number of problems in 1997. The most serious are the availability of trained labor, competition from fly-by-night operators and lumber prices.



Celebrate New Homes Month in April

by Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Most Americans dream about owning their home — a home like the one they grew up in or better. Home builders across the country are working to keep housing available and make it affordable for all Americans so they can enjoy the quality of life of which they've always dreamed.

During the whole month of April, the country is invited to observe New Homes Month. This is a time to recognize the American dream and the people who work to keep it alive.

Home building is one of the largest sectors of the American economy. In fact, some people refer to it as the "engine that drives the economy," because so many jobs are dependent upon it. An increase in housing production can drive the nation toward prosperity, while a slowdown in home building can send the economy into a recession.

The construction of 1,000 single-family home generates 2,448 jobs in construction and construction-related

industries for one year. The building of those homes generates \$75 million in wages and \$37 million in combined federal, state and local tax revenues and fees.

Housing's economic impact doesn't end when the home is sold and the new owners move in. In fact, housing continues to be an economic force long after the sale is closed.

In the first 12 months after purchasing a newly built home, owners spend an average of \$6,500 to furnish, decorate and improve their homes. Buyers of existing homes spend \$2,268 more than non-moving home owners during the 12 months after purchasing the home.

Despite its enormous impact on the economy, the home building industry is still characterized mostly by small businesses. Home building is a mixture of businesses of all sizes — the 10 largest builders built less than 10 percent of the homes in the U.S. in 1995. The majority of American home

builders operate small businesses which build fewer than 25 homes a year.

As with many small businesses, many home building firms are family businesses. Many of today's builders are the children of people who started home building businesses. Others began in one of the construction trades and then ventured out on their own.

But above all, today's builders are professionals. They must constantly stay abreast of the latest industry trends, new building technology, innovative financing plans and changes in state and local building codes and ordinances.

New Homes Month is a time to celebrate. Join with us, the Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association, in recognizing the contributions made by all of the people in the home building industry — the people who are working to build and improve the quality of life throughout our community.

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